MINUTES

17th Annual National General Meeting
Canadian Federation of Students

Wednesday, November 25 to Sunday, November 29, 1998

Renfrew, Ontario

OPENING PLENARY MINUTES *(2nd Draft)*

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CALL TO ORDER—Wednesday, November 25, 1998

20:06 — the meeting was called to order by National Chairperson Elizabeth Carlyle.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Association	Present
Local 18	Douglas College Student Society	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Association	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen University College Students' Association	Absent
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 57	Native Education Centre Students' Association	Absent
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Student Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Absent
Local 86	College of the Rockies Students' Union	Present by proxy
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Student Society	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present by proxy
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Absent
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Present by proxy
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Present
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
Northern	College Haileybury Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 48	University of Windsor Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Union	Present

Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Local 11	University of King's College Society of Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 45	Marine Institute Students Union	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 87	College of the North Atlantic Students' Association	Present

Carlyle declared quorum to have been achieved.

2. WELCOMING REMARKS

Carlyle welcomed Local 91, Concordia University Students' Union, to its first national general meeting as full members of the Federation. She welcomed locals who had not been in attendance at recent general meetings. She welcomed the following guests: Lewis Olaitan and Samuel Olandutoye, two Nigerian students currently attending the University of Victoria; Mathieu Frappier, Thomas Chasson-Labelle and Emmanuelle Lippé from the Mouvement pour la droit à l'éducation; and two students from the Cuban Youth Tour. She said that the Centre for Campus Organising, based in Boston, Massachusetts, sent a letter of greetings to the Federation. She introduced the members of the National Executive and staff of the Federation.

The two students from the Cuban Youth Tour presented greetings to the Federation.

3. RATIFICATION OF PLENARY SPEAKER

Carlyle said that the National Executive was recommending that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker. She noted that Sioufi had been the Ontario National Executive Representative for the 1987-88 term, and was experienced at chairing plenary sessions.

98/11:001 **MOTION**

Local 79/Local 76

Be it resolved that Sylvia Sioufi be ratified as the plenary speaker for the November 1998 annual national general meeting.

CARRIED

Sioufi reviewed the process that she would use during the meeting.

4. ANNOUNCMENT OF PROXIES

Sioufi announced that:

- Local 82, Algoma University Student Union had designated Local 30 Laurentian University Students' General Association as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary (Appendix 1);
- Local 37, Brandon University Students' Union had designated Local 08 University of Winnipeg Students' Association as its proxy for the opening and closing plenary (Appendix 2);
- Local 86, College of the Rockies Students' Union had designated Local 05 Capilano College Students' Union as its proxy for the opening plenary (Appendix 3); and
- Local 47, University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students had designated Local 84 York University Graduate Students' Association as its proxy for the closing plenary (Appendix 4).

5. ADOPTION OF PLENARY AGENDA

98/11:002 **MOTION**
Local 61/Local 33

Be it resolved that the November 1998 national general meeting plenary agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

6. ADOPTION OF GENERAL MEETING AGENDA

98/11:003 **MOTION**
Local 34/Local 20
Be it resolved that the agenda for the meeting be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

7. ADOPTION OF THE MAY 1998 NATIONAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

98/11:004 **MOTION**
Local 18/Local 75

Be it resolved that the May 1998 national general meeting minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

8. CONSIDERATION OF MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

a. Applications for Prospective Membership

Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students

98/11:005 **MOTION**
Local 11/Local 01

Be it resolved that the application for prospective membership by the Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students be accepted pending receipt of an application for prospective membership.

CARRIED

Glendon College Students' Union

98/11:006 **MOTION**
Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the application for prospective membership by the Glendon College Students' Union be accepted (Appendix 6).

CARRIED

b. Applications for Extensions of Prospective Membership

Northern College-Haileybury School of Mines Students' Association

Carlyle said that the National Executive was recommending that the prospective membership for the Haileybury School of Mines Students' Administrative Council be extended. She said that the Students' Administrative Council was granted prospective membership at the May 1997 national general meeting. She said that efforts were being made to ensure that Haileybury Students' Administrative Council would apply for full membership in the Federation by the May 1999 national general meeting.

98/11:007 **MOTION**

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the application for an extension of prospective membership by the Haileybury School of Mines Students' Association be accepted.

CARRIED

Local 87-College of the North Atlantic Students' Association

Carlyle said that the various students' associations which now comprise the College of the North Atlantic Students' Association were granted prospective membership at the May 1995 and May 1996 national general meetings. She said that the following students' associations were granted prospective membership in the Federation at that time: Cabot College; Central Newfoundland Regional College; Eastern College and Labrador College Students' Associations. She said that the Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Association applied for and was granted full membership at the May 1996 national general meeting after the membership voted overwhelmingly for full membership. She said that in the summer of 1997 the aforementioned colleges were amalgamated into one institution, the College of the North Atlantic. She said that a decision was made to amalgamate the students' associations as well and as a result the students at the three campuses of the Central Newfoundland Regional College Students' Associations remain full members of the Federation while students on the other campuses remain prospective members. She said that to accommodate the unique situation, the National Executive is recommending that the prospective membership of the College of the North Atlantic be extended. She said that a full membership referendum will be conducted before the May 1999 national general meeting.

98/11:008 **MOTION**

Local 08/Local 91

Be it resolved that the application for an extension of the prospective membership by the College of the North Atlantic Students' Association be accepted.

CARRIED

9. PRESENTATION BY STAFF RELATIONS OFFICER

Story said that her role as Staff Relations Officer is to act as the contact person in dealing with the staff on a formal level. She said that the employees of the Federation are unionised with the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 1281. She said that the rights and responsibilities of the employer rest with the members of the National Executive. She said that the collective agreement is a public document and is available to the membership. She said that the collective agreement gives staff full participation rights at all meetings of the Federation with the exception of meetings of the employer relating to discipline, discharge and collective bargaining. She said that employees are non-voting and have speaking rights at all meetings in accordance with the collective agreement and the Bylaws. She said that the staff also have the right to work in an environment free of discrimination and harassment. She said that any work related complaints should be directed to members of the National Executive.

10. INTRODUCTION OF HARASSMENT ADVISORS

Tara Connolly and Florence Loh introduced themselves as the harassment advisors for the national general meeting. Connolly said that many people can assist delegates in their work but the advisors are there to assist them if they encounter a situation that will impede their ability to participate fully in the meeting. She encouraged delegates to review the harassment procedure in the policy manual. She said that the Federation has the harassment policy in an attempt to highlight that demeaning or abusive behaviour is unacceptable as a form of communication in this environment. She said that delegates should enter into the week in the spirit of constructive, responsible conflict. She said that handled responsibly conflict can be a catalyst for change and lead to a depth of understanding and clarity which might otherwise be absent. She said that non-verbal communication is strong and people often react to it first. She said that it is also important to recognise that some delegates are not speaking in their first language and to be cognisant and respectful of this. She said that delegate's should be mindful of their health at the meeting as it has a direct impact on their mood. She said that she and Loh are bound by strict confidentiality.

11. REVIEW OF STANDING SUB-COMMITTEES OF PLENARY

Sioufi said that as per Standing Resolution 1.1 the following subcommittees are struck at every national general meeting:

- Budget Committee;
- Campaigns and Government Relations Committee;
- National Education and Student Rights Committee; and
- Organisational Development Committee.

Sioufi said that the roles and responsibilities of the sub-committees are outlined in the delegate's general meeting binders.

12. PREPARATION FOR NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

a. Introduction of Chief Returning Officer(s)

Sioufi said that as per Bylaw 6, Article 7, the National Executive appointed Ontario Researcher Ashkan Hashemi and Manitoba Fieldworker Kemlin Nembhard as the chief returning officers.

b. Overview of Election Schedule and Procedures

Nembhard said that the nomination period for elections started at 19:00 November 25 and would end at 22:00 November 27. She announced the positions which were open for nominations: National Chairperson; National Deputy Chairperson; National Treasurer; Travel CUTS board member, which must be a woman; Aboriginal National Executive Representative and Women's National Executive Representative. She said that the election for the Women's Representative would be a by-election and the elections for the Aboriginal Representative would be a by-election and a regular election. She said that the Aboriginal and Women's Representatives would be elected by the caucus and constituency group. She said that within the Aboriginal Caucus each member local has one vote. She said that within the Women's Constituency group every woman delegate is eligible to vote. She said that the Aboriginal and Women's National Executive Representative positions were for the remainder of the 1998-99 term. She said that the other positions would be elected by plenary and each member local has one vote.

Nembhard said that Bylaw 6 governs the elections and outlines the procedures. She said that the Standing Resolutions outline the responsibilities of the various positions. She said that a mandatory meeting of nominees will be convened following the close of nominations. She said that the details of the election procedures will be reviewed at this meeting. She said that voting would occur at 9:00 November 29.

13. CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS SERVED WITH DUE NOTICE

a. Motions Postponed or Referred by the Previous General Meeting

i. National Executive Report

97/11:113 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 35/Local 44

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #27 be amended to include:

Whereas the at-large officers work in Ottawa away from the majority of members; and

Whereas the leadership of Federation members changes during the Federation's executive term of office; and

Whereas the National Executive does not make minutes available until the next national general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that a mid-year National Executive Report be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that this report include, but not be limited to:

- a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
- an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;

- a breakdown of current budget status (ie. Actuals as compared to the budget)
- an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
- an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and
- any other information pertinent to members.

98/05:169 **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 83/Local 35

Be it resolved that Motion 97/11:113 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #27 be amended to include:

Whereas the at-large officers work in Ottawa away from the majority of members; and

Whereas the leadership of Federation members changes during the Federation's executive term of office; and

Whereas the National Executive does not make minutes available until the next national general meeting; therefore

Be it resolved that the National Executive Report be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that this report include but not be limited to:
- a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
- an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
- a breakdown of current budget status (ie. Actuals as compared to the budget)
- an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
- an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and
- any other information pertinent to members.

98/11:009 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motions 97/11:113 and 98/05:169 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:113 **REFERRED**

98/05:169 **REFERRED**

ii. Proposal Concerning the Membership of the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group

98/05:138-b **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 71/Local 14

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #9.3 be amended to read:

As there are conditions, either officially recognised or not, that may limit full participation in the post-secondary education environment, members of the Constituency Group shall include all students with disabilities who are delegates of general meetings of the Federation. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency group may also include students without disabilities who have concerns with students with disabilities issues and concerns.

98/11:010 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:138-b be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:138 **REFERRED**

98/05:164 **MOTION**
Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that images and text represented in the *Student Traveller* be supplemented with text stating the economic and social realities of the nation presented.

98/11:011 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:164 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:164 **REFERRED**

iv. Proposal to Restructure Representation on the Travel CUTS Board

98/05:098 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 61/Local 89

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 20, Travel CUTS Board Members, be amended to read:

1. **Federation Representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

   The National Chairperson, the National Deputy Chairperson, the National Treasurer and two National Executive members selected by the National Executive, shall be the Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that any references to the at-large members of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors be deleted from the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policy manual.

98/05:176 **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the amended Standing Resolution 20, proposed in Motion 98/05:098, be amended to read:

1. **Federation representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

   The Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Boards shall be:
   a) the National Chairperson;
   b) the National Deputy Chairperson;
   c) the National Treasurer; and
   d) two sitting National Executive members selected to sit on the Board by the National Executive."

98/11:012 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motions 98/05:098 and 98/05:176 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:098 **REFERRED**

98/05:176 **REFERRED**

v. Proposal to Modify the Bilingualism Forum at National General Meetings

98/05:118 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 1, be amended to read:

1. **Scheduling**

   At each semi-annual national general meeting, and at each annual national general meeting, the bilingualism Forum ("Forum") shall be struck.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 3, be amended to read:

3. **Voting**

Each member local shall have one vote on Forum motions.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 4, be amended to read:

4. **Mandate**

The Forum shall:

a) direct the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism to undertake relevant work.
b) receive the report from the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism;
c) submit a written report to the relevant standing subcommittee for consideration which shall include, but not be limited to: a review of progress on the implementation of bilingualism related policy and directives; and recommendations for change to operational and issues policy concerning bilingualism within the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 5, be amended to read;

5. **Chairperson**

As their first order of business at a general meeting, the Forum shall elect a Chairperson from within its membership, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution [illegible] Article 6 be deleted;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30, Article 7 be amended to read:

6. **Distribution and presentation of outstanding reports**

The Forum reports, if it is not presented in full at a general meeting due to lack of time, natural disaster or other event beyond human control, shall be:

98/11:013 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:118 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:118 **REFERRED**

vi. Proposal to Eliminate National Graduate Council Associate Membership

98/05:126 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 89/Local 44

Be it resolved that Section 3b) of Standing Resolution 19, The National Graduate Council, be repealed;

Be it further resolved that all subsequent clauses be renumbered in sequence; and

Be it further resolved that any references to associate membership in the Bylaws be removed.

98/11:014 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:126 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:126 **REFERRED**

vii. Proposal Concerning the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policy

96/05:135 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 72/Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

> The Federation supports and encourages the standardisation of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are rot limited to: confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students' schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation and position of influence.

Be it further resolved that the creation of 'Human Rights' or 'Equity' offices on campuses, that are fully funded by administration to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of Students of Colour, Students with Disabilities, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students and Aboriginal Students, be supported.

97/05:072 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/Local 44

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:135 be amended to read:

> "The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, position of influence.
>
> The Federation supports the creation of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded by administration, to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, gay, lesbian, and bisexual students, Aboriginal students."

98/05:017 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/Local 33

Be it resolved that Motion 97/05:072 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:135 be amended to read:

> The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students and staff schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic class, and position of influence and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.
>
> The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded, publicly and adequately, to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students, Aboriginal students, women, and Francophone students."

98/11:015 **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motions 96/05:135, 97/05:072 and 98/05:017 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

96/05:135 **REFERRED**

97/05:072 **REFERRED**

98/05:017 **REFERRED**

viii. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Poverty

97/11:083 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 34/Local 11

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

> **Poverty**
>
> The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system. Therefore the Federation recognises the political responsibility of students to keep personal poverty in perspective, recognising personal privilege while also working against poverty in general.
>
> **A. Minimum Income Levels**

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms of assistance has led to a need for combining two or more sources of assistance in order to survive. The Federation believes it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance, and calls for increased levels of assistance in all forms.

The Federation:
- Recognises that fiscal decisions by governments which convert public debt into private debt and poverty, comprise a debt trap Canadians living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- Recognises a minimum which widens the gap between income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare;
- Supports the use of National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to establish levels of assistance and to determine the effectiveness of programs; and
- Supports the development of criteria based on National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to determine a minimum income level for members of constituencies such as students, sole-support parents, and other situations with additional expenses associated with them.

B. The Common Experiences of Poverty

The Federation recognises that similar perceptions exist of those on social assistance and those on student assistance, such as the perception that they are "receiving a handout," and the opinion that they are bad money managers with too much time on their hands. In addition, regressive aspects of the social assistance and unemployment insurance programs are echoed in the student loan program: the clawback of assistance based on employment income earned while receiving assistance is present in all three programs. Therefore, in solidarity with individuals receiving all forms of government assistance, the Federation:
- Opposes the stereotype of those on forms of assistance as lazy or inferior
- Opposes the claw back of assistance based on earnings while receiving assistance through government social programs; and
- Opposes the deliberate setting of assistance at levels well below the low-income cut off rates determined by the National Council on Welfare.

C. Student Poverty and Student Health

The Federation:
- Recognises the cycle of poverty and stress which lead to ill health and more stress; and
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education; and
- Supports full, free and accessible health and support services provided by the institution, including counselling services; and
- Recognises professional and quality peer support services, while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services.

98/05:048 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 19

Be it resolved that that the policy statement, proposed in Motion 97/11:083, be amended to read as follows:

POVERTY

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an adverse effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system.

A. Minimum Income Levels

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms of assistance has led to a need for combining two or more sources of assistance in order to survive. The Federation believes it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance, and calls for increased levels of assistance in all forms.

The Federation:
- Recognises that fiscal decisions by governments which convert public debt into private debt and poverty, comprise a debt trap which widens the gap between people living in poverty and those living in comfort;

- calls for a minimum income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare;
- Supports the use of National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to establish levels of assistance and to determine the effectiveness of programs; and
- Supports the development of criteria based on National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to determine a minimum income level for members of constituencies such as students, sole-support parents, and other situations with additional expenses associated with them.

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- Opposes the stereotype of those on forms of assistance as lazy or inferior and recognises that widespread poverty is a direct result of our economic system;
- Opposes the claw back of assistance based on earnings while receiving assistance through government social programs; and
- Opposes the deliberate setting of assistance at levels well below the low-income cut off rates determined by the National Council on Welfare.

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The Federation:

- Recognises the cycle of poverty and stress which lead which lead to ill health and more stress;
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education;
- Supports full, free and accessible health and support services provided by the institution, including counselling services; and
- Recognises the need for quality peer support services, which while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services."

98/11:016 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motions 97/11:083 and 98/05:048 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

97/11:083 **REFERRED**

98/05:048 **REFERRED**

ix. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Assessment of Student Need

98/05:070 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 7/Local 73

Be it resolved that the Issues policy manual be amended to include the following :

Assessment of Student Need

The Federation believes an accessible education system is one which is open to all applicants who desire to attend a post-secondary institution. An accessible education should allow the individual student to choose the education of her choice. In addition, the Federation supports the elimination of all financial barriers to post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Accessibility). Post-secondary institutions levy up-front user fees to subsidise operating costs. The Federation fervently opposes any proposals which advocate for tuition fees as a solution to the problem of under-funding. Systemic under-funding has increased the financial burden sustained by students in post-secondary institutions through up-front user fees.

The Federation believes that the government must consider the realistic costs of post-secondary education above and beyond tuition fees and ancillary fees. Furthermore, the Federation believes that student aid line item levels should be adjusted annually to reflect the costs associated with the attainment of a post-secondary education, and that this adjustment should reflect regional differences in the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Student Aid).

Need is defined as circumstances requiring some course of action in times of difficulty or crisis, often described as destitution or poverty in extreme circumstances. The Federation recognises there are varying financial requirements between students pursuing studies in colleges/technical institutes, undergraduate programs, and graduate programs. The Federation also recognises the unique financial needs of students with disabilities and international students. Therefore the Federation recognises that it is essential to identify various parameters in determining the financial needs of these different groups.

The following criteria should be included in any assessment of need:

Living Expenses:
- rent/mortgage
- car/transportation
- monthly bills
- food/household/hygiene
- trips home
- clothing
- moving costs

Post-secondary Education:
- up-front user fees (tuition, ancillary, etc.)
- books/program supplies/equipment
- currently held scholarships, stipends, research granting council funding

Research:
- travel/conferences
- publishing
- thesis production costs
- academic subscriptions

Employment:
- full-time versus part-time
- income
- assets

Debt:
- previous student loans
- line of credit
- credit cards

Other:
- disability
- age/mature status/ grad
- dependants

98/11:017 **MOTION TO REFER**

Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:070 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:070 **REFERRED**

x. Proposal to Amend Curricula Policy

98/05:078 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 83/ Local 79

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading "Curricula" in the Issues policy manual be amended to include:

8. The development of curricula which address the experiences of linguistic minorities.

98/11:018 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:078 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:078 **REFERRED**

xi. Proposal to Amend Minority Language Rights Policy

98/05:080 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 83/ Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Minority Language Rights" be deleted:

> The Federation believes that discussion concerning issues of francophone Canadians residing outside of Québec should take place independently of discussion of issues concerning anglophones residing in Québec.

98/11:019 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:080 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:080 **REFERRED**

xii. Proposal to Adopt Boycott Policy

98/05:082 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 7/Local 19

Whereas the Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of participating in boycotts of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and/or individuals to protest unjust policies and/or practices; and

Whereas the Federation currently has policies to participate in boycotts which have been discontinued; and

Whereas it makes little sense to maintain policies on boycotts which are no longer in effect; and

Whereas it would be more rational to adopt a general statement on boycotts than adopt policies for each individual boycott; and

Whereas the Federation requires a process for participating and ending its participation in a boycott, therefore

Be it resolved that Issues Policy "Unfair Practices" be deleted;

Be it further resolved that the following Issue Policy under the title "Sexual Orientation" be deleted;

> The Federation will endeavour to participate in the boycott of the state of Colorado.

Be it further resolved that the following Issues Policy be adopted;

Boycotts

Preamble

The Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of boycotts to protest unjust policies and/or practices of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals.

Participation

The Federation encourages members to boycott the goods and services of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals which have discriminatory policies and/or are engaged in discriminatory practices, including but not limited to;
- violations of fundamental human rights
- unfair treatment and oppression of workers or citizenry.

98/11:020 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:082 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

98/05:082 **REFERRED**

b. New Motions

i. Proposal to Remove References to Executive Director

98/11:021 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 08/Local 09

Whereas Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, includes references to the position of Executive Director; and

Whereas the position of Executive Director was eliminated in 1995; therefore

Be it resolved that Subsection 2-b of Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, be amended to read as follows:

a. Deeds, transfers, licences, contracts, and engagements on behalf of the Federation will be signed by two Officers of the Federation and, where required, have the seal of the Federation affixed.

Be it further resolved that all other references to "Executive Director" in Bylaw XII, Seal, Documents, and Records, be removed.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ii. Proposal Concerning the Location of National General Meetings

98/11:022 **MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS**
Local 18/Local 56

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, General Meetings, Section 5, Location of General Meetings, Subsection a, be amended to read as follows:

a. each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Nepean area;

Be it further resolved that Subsection b. be deleted.

98/11:023 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 76/Local 88

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:022 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:022 **REFERRED**

iii. Proposal to Amend Annual Report Policy

98/11:024 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 7/Local 32

Be it resolved that the operations Annual Report policy in the Federation Documents policy, be amended to read as follows:

> **Annual Report**
>
> An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. This report shall be distributed to each member local student association in attendance at the Federation's Annual general meeting. A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four weeks following the meeting.

98/11:025 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:024 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:024 **REFERRED**

iv. Proposal to Amend Taxation Policy

98/11:026 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**
Local 32/Local 30

Be it resolved that Issues policy, Taxation, be amended to include the following:

> "The Federation believes that academic awards in the form of scholarships, grants and bursaries should be made exempt form federal and provincial income tax."

98/11:027 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:026 be referred to the National Education and Student Rights Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:026 **REFERRED**

v. Proposal for a Public Inquiry on Sexism and Racism

98/11:028 **MOTION**
Local 79/Local 30

Be it resolved that a public inquiry be held to address the issues of sexism and racism within the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that recommendations from this inquiry be presented at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting.

Local 44 delegate Rob Fleming said that there has been a great deal of discussion regarding this motion because some members did not want it to be adopted. He said that this is primarily because members believed that the debate and activities of the Federation should be externally focussed. He said that the motion does not exclude the opportunity for an external focus. He said that the Federation needs to emerge from the general meeting united and strong to face the issues which threaten post-secondary education. He said that the delegates should have confidence in the Federation and its structures and believe that it is one of the most consistently progressive organisations in the country. He said that delegates should support the motion so the meeting can be used to make progress.

98/11:029 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 71

Be it resolved Motion 98/11:028 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that an independent public inquiry be held to address the issues of sexism and racism within the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that recommendations from this inquiry be presented at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that the terms and conditions of the inquiry be drafted by a committee; and

Be it further resolved that the composition of the committee be drafted by the Organisational Development Committee at the November 1998 national general meeting."

Local 61 delegate Theresa Sabourin said that the structure of the National Executive was established by the member locals to represent the various provinces and constituencies and is thus representative of the membership. She said that the National Executive is fully capable of drafting the terms of the committee.

Local 19 delegate Holly Baines said that she is in favour of the amendment. She said that although the National Executive is entrusted to perform the work of the organisation, the interal focus of the Federation needs to be sharpened. She said that a larger group, like the Organisational Development Committee, may have a broader perspective with which to establish the composition of the committee.

Local 54 delegate Amanda Dorter said that the independent public inquiry should have a diverse range of opinions and views. She said that local activists and members should participate in the inquiry versus those in elected positions. She said that the terms and conditions be established at the grass roots level.

98/11:029 **CARRIED**

98/11:028 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

vi. Proposal Concerning Membership Development in Québec

98/11:030 **MOTION**

Local 32/Local 30

Whereas negotiations between the Québec component and le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) only commenced in October 1998 and MDE locals are just starting to discuss the issue;

Whereas the MDE executive wants to organise a provincial merger before moving towards full membership in the Federation;

Whereas the Federation understands the urgency of unifying the progressive student movement in Québec;

Whereas it will already be difficult to successfully campaign for membership at the provincial level, and trying to get immediate congruency and full membership in the Federation could jeopardise the process;

Whereas it would be premature to reach a definitive agreement between the Federation and MDE at the 1998 annual national general meeting;

Whereas a reasonable deadline to complete the negotiations and reach a permanent agreement has to be estabished; therefore

Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) and the CFS-Québec component, with the following goals:

1. to facilitate the membership of MDE members in the Québec component of the Canadian Federation of Students 1998-99;
2. to encourage MDE locals to apply for prospective membership in 1998-99;
3. to prepare a second round of negotiations, leading to full congruency, or another permanent agreement between the Québec component and the CFS, by May 2000.

Be it further resolved that a report on the negotiation process be submitted including related notices of motion, to the May 1999 general meeting.

98/11:0031 **MOTION TO AMEND**
Local 91/Local 79

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:030 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) and that the Québec component be assisted in these negotiations;

Be it further resolved that the negotiations be entered into with the following goals:
1. to facilitate the membership of MDE members in the Québec component of the Federation in 1998-99;
2. to encourage MDE locals to apply for prospective membership in 1998-99;
3. to prepare a second round of negotiations, leading to full congruency, or another permanent agreement between the Québec component and the Federation, by May 2000.

Be it further resolved that a report on the negotiation process be submitted including related notices of motion, to the May 1999 general meeting."

98/11:032 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 72/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motions 98/11:030 and 98/11:031 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:030 **REFERRED**

98/11:031 **REFERRED**

vii. Proposal to Allocate Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism & Anti-Racism

At this point Local 5 announced that it no longer wished to be the mover of motion 98/05:033.

The Speaker called for a new mover.

98/11:033 **MOTION**
Local 54/ Local 71

Be it resolved that a contribution of $50,000 be made on an annual basis to anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups which are independent of the Federation.

98/11:034 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 18/Local 72

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:033 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:033 **REFERRED**

viii. Proposal to Assign Responsibility for the Allocation of Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism and Anti-Racism Groups

At this point Local 5 announced that it no longer wished to be the mover of motion 98/05:035.

The Speaker called for a new mover.

98/11:035 **MOTION**
Local 54/ Local 71

Be it resolved that the Students' of Colour Constituency Group, the Women's Constituency Group, and the Anti-Poverty working group (to be created), be empowered to make all decisions related to the transfer of the annual sum to the anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups independent of the Federation.

98/11:36 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 18/Local 72

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:035 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:035 **REFERRED**

ix. Proposal to Adopt Anti-Violence Policy

98/11:037 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**
Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

> The Federation considers violence against minorities (including but not limited to, aboriginal peoples, persons of colour, francophones) as an expression of racism which cannot be tolerated in any context. Further, the Federation will work to confront, challenge and abolish any structures that perpetuate racist violence.

98/11:038 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:037 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:037 **REFERRED**

x. Proposal to Allocate Funds to a National Aboriginal Student Organisation

98/11:039 **MOTION**
Local 5/ Local 54

Whereas the Federation recognizes and fully supports Aboriginal peoples' inherent rights and titles including the right to self government and all of its cultural and spiritual forms, and the right to self administered services; therefore

Be it resolved that an annual allocation of $200,000 be set aside for the purposes of the establishment of an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organization fully independent of the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Caucus of the Federation be the sole authority in making all decisions related to the transfer of the annual $200,000 allocation to an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organization fully independent of the Federation.

98/11:040 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:039 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:039 **REFERRED**

xi. Proposal to Create An Anti-Poverty Working Group

98/11:041 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**
Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the following standing resolution be adopted:

ANTI-POVERTY WORKING GROUP

1. **Name**
   The working group shall be called the Anti-Poverty Working Group.
2. **Objectives**
   To be determined at each general meeting.
3. **Membership**

A majority of the members of such a working group must be anti-poverty activists who identify as being poor and themselves cannot afford a post-secondary education.

4. **Meetings**
   Meetings of the group shall be held at each general meeting of the Federation

98/11:042 **MOTION TO REFER**
Local 19/Local 08

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:041 be referred to the Organisational Development Committee.

CARRIED

98/11:041 **REFERRED**

xii. Consideration of Impeachment Proceedings

98/11:043 **MOTION**
Local 5/Local 30

Whereas the Federation "supports the introduction, the encouragement, and enhancement of...a welcoming environment for aboriginal students"; and

Whereas the Federation "opposes patriarchy and gender oppression...[and]opposes sexism"; and

Whereas the Federation states that women students have the right to "an educational environment free of advertisements, entertainment programming, and/or materials which promote violence against women, sexual stereotyping and/or discrimination"; and

Whereas Federation activities are part of the Canadian educational environment; and

Whereas Bylaw 6.5 a states the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote at a national general meeting or by mail out vote; therefore

Be it resolved that a vote be taken at opening plenary to remove the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer from office.

98/11:044 **OBJECTION TO CONSIDERATION**
Local 44/Local 45

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:043 not be considered.

Sioufi said that when a delegate objects to consideration of a question it is because she believes that it is strongly undesirable for the motion to even to come before the assembly. She said that the motion is not debatable and a 2/3 majority is required to prevent the motion from being considered.

98/11:044 **DEFEATED**

98/11:045 **MOTION TO POSTPONE**
Local 71/Local 56

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:043 be postponed to the closing plenary of the 1998 November general meeting.

CARRIED

98/11:043 **POSTPONED**

98/11:046 **MOTION TO RECESS**
Local 11/Local 54

Be it resolved that plenary be recessed until Saturday, November 28, 1998.

CARRIED

23:29 — the meeting recessed.

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PROXY OF VOTE

To: Todd Bozak (Laurentian local 30)
Fr: Don Aiken (Algoma local 82)

Regretfully we are unable to make it to the 29th Semi Annual General CFS meeting. However we would like to proxy our vote to Local 30, to Todd Bozak from Laurentian.

Thank-you so much,

Don Aiken
VP External
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23rd, 1998

TO: **ELIZABETH CARLISLE**/Lucy Watson
Canadian Federation of Students
National Executive

FROM: MICHAEL ELVES, President
Brandon University Students' Union

RE: AGM Proxy Vote - November 1998

Please be advised that by concensus of the Brandon University Students' Union Council we are submitting a proxy vote to University of Winnipeg Students Association, CFS Local #8. This proxy vote is only valid when our representative, Mr. Kurtis Warkentin is absent from the meeting.

Thanking you in advance,

Scott James, V.P
per Michael P. Elves
Brandon University Students' Union

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COLLEGE OF THE ROCKIES STUDENTS' SOCIETY
CANADIAN FEDERATION OF STUDENTS LOCAL 86

Memorandum

To: Elizabeth Carlyle,National Chairperson,
Canadian Federation of Students
Re: Proxy of Local 86 Vote
cc: VP External, Capilano College Students Union
November 23rd/1998

To whomever this may concern;

This letter is intended to apprise you of our desire to proxy our vote during the opening plenary session of the upcoming AGM to Capilano College Students' Union. It is our opinion that they share similar interests to those of our student population here at College of the Rockies, therefore they should be given the right to carry our vote for us.
Please be advised that such a proxy of our voting should be allowed to remain in effect until our delegation arrives for the National AGM, which will likely be late into or right after opening plenary. If your office should require clarification or wishes to contact us, please do not hesitate to do so.

Sincerely,

Kevin Gedling
Chairperson
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November 19, 1998

To Whom it May Concern at the Canadian Federation of Students:

Please be advised that the University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students (CFS Local 47), gives its proxy to Kate Laxer, representative from York University Graduate Students Association (CFS Local 84) for the Closing Plenary of the Semi-Annual General Meeting, scheduled for November 29th 1998, in Renfrew Ontario.

Thank you.

Claire Sykes
VP-External
Society of Graduate Students, CFS Local 47
University of Western Ontario

cc: Kate Laxer, York University.

ASSOCIATION DES ÉTUDIANTS DU COLLÈGE GLENDON
GLENDON COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION

Joel Harden, Ontario Chairperson
Canadian Federation of Students

Dear Mr. Harden,

I am pleased to inform you that during the September 16th, 1998 meeting of the Glendon College Student's Union, the following motion was passed unanimously.

> Be it resolved that GCSU (Glendon College Student's Union) apply for perspective membership of the CFS for this academic year.

The Glendon College Student's Union represents approximately 1600 students at the Glendon campus of York University. It is my understanding that our perspective membership application will be reviewed by the executive and put forward at the national conference in Renfrew. The Union is locally and democratically controlled, is autonomous from other organizations, represents students at only one post-secondary institution, is campus wide and is the recognized student association on the campus. I therefore trust that the union meets the requirements for membership in the Canadian Federation of Students

ASSOCIATION DES ÉTUDIANTS DU COLLÈGE GLENDON
GLENDON COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION

CLOSING PLENARY MINUTES *(2nd Draft)*

17th Annual National General Meeting of the Canadian Federation of Students
Wednesday, November 25, to Sunday, November 29, 1998 — Renfrew, Ontario

CALL TO ORDER—Saturday, November 28, 1998

16:11 — the Speaker called the meeting to order.

1. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Association	Present
Local 18	Douglas College Student Society	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Association	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen University College Students' Association	Absent
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 57	Native Education Centre Students' Association	Absent
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Student Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Absent
Local 86	College of the Rockies Student Union	Present
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Absent
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
	Glendon College Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
	Northern College Haileybury Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Present
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present by proxy
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Union	Present

Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present
Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Dalhousie	Association of Graduate Students (prospective members)	Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint-Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 45	Marine Institute Students Union	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 87	College of the North Atlantic Student Association	Present

The Speaker declared quorum to have been achieved.

Local 9 delegate Stacey Fayant and Saskatchewan Component Chairperson Jeni Minion rose on a point of personal privilege. Fayant said that a letter written by Colin Hall, a member of the Local 9 board, was distributed to delegates by another delegate at the general meeting. She said that she received a fax directing her to move a motion which reads as follows:

> Whereas Local 9 of the Canadian Federation of Studenis has sent Stacey Fayant as it's representative; and
>
> Whereas the reason a delegate was sent by local 9 was to support Lanna Many Grey Horses in her struggle for justice in dealing with the Federation; therefore
>
> Be it resolved that Stacey Fayant be directed to vote with Lanna Many Grey Horses at all times during the general meeting;
>
> Be it further resolved that Stacy Fayant's be directed to move a motion calling for the national office to rescind the complaints submitted by the YES side committee following the de-Federation referendum at local 9;
>
> Be it further resolved that Stacy Fayant motivate the motion by calling to attention to the fact that the accusation that Colin Hall and Jason Stevens were harassing poll clerks and intimidating voters is inappropriate and unfounded; and
>
> Be it further resolved that Stacey Fayant have all of her votes recorded and included in the minutes of the general meeting.

Fayant said that as the first document was distributed publicly and has interfered with her ability to participate in the meeting she wishes to address it so she can participate fully in the rest of the meeting. She said that she would read from her notes as she was very upset. She said that she is upset by both letters for many reasons but primarily because they reflect the ongoing harassment she and Jeni have endured on campus, particularly since the de-Federation referendum campaign at local 9 began. She said that she would not move the motion as directed because the content is a lie and there is clear evidence that the individuals named were harassing poll clerks. She said that it is much like the harassment she and Jeni have faced while attempting to be active on their campus. She said that they have been harassed because they do not always agree with the elected members on the board of directors at the University of Regina Students' Union, in particular because she and Jeni support the work of the Canadian Federation of Students. She said that the debate on whether or not to send her to the general meeting took two hours because these same people did not want Fayant to be sent as an aboriginal delegate. She said that once the decision was made no direction was provided, instead they waited until she had left for the meeting, when in her absence they may have adopted the motions which were distributed at the general meeting. She said that she was sent by the local to participate in Aboriginal Caucus, to participate as a full delegate at the general meeting. She said that she wanted to emphasise that it is not that she agrees nor disagrees with Many Grey Horses on issues but that in her absence people have attempted to deny her the right to participate in and be influenced by debate, to make decisions in good conscience , to make decisions that she believes are in the best interests of her constituents. She said that she has risen to explain that she will not be following the direction provided but will be voting with her conscience. She asked for the support of her decision and to allow her the dignity that the members of her board of directors have sought to deny.

2. BUSINESS TABLED FROM OPENING PLENARY

98/11:043 **MOTION**

Local 5/Local 30

Whereas the Federation "supports the introduction, the encouragement, and enhancement of...a welcoming environment for aboriginal students"; and

Whereas the Federation "opposes patriarchy and gender oppression...[and]opposes sexism"; and

Whereas the Federation states that women students have the right to "an educational environment free of advertisements, entertainment programming, and/or materials which promote violence against women, sexual stereotyping and/or discrimination"; and

Whereas Federation activities are part of the Canadian educational environment; and

Whereas Bylaw 6.5 a states the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer may be removed from office by a 2/3 vote at a national general meeting or by mail out vote; therefore

Be it resolved that a vote be taken at opening plenary to remove the National Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Treasurer from office.

Local 5 delegate Elvira Balakshin said that there have been many discussions about the rationale for the motion. She said that the motion was submitted mainly for strategic reasons, and also to encourage people to speak to the local 5 delegation directly and to encourage debate. She said that upon reading the public statement issued by the National Executive the delegation was surprised and pleased however they are still displeased because they feel the statement is inadequate. She said that local 5 believed bringing this motion forward was the only method to instigate debate.

Local 19 delegate Holly Baines said that Local 19 was pleased the motion was presented because it motivated debate. She said that the local was happy a statement was released but is disappointed it took so long for the release. She said that she is disappointed that the debate did not occur in opening plenary as it could have informed other areas of debate.

Local 45 delegate Dale Kirby said that although he respects the reasons for presenting the motion, people without access to the same information might believe that it is destructive. He said that members should pursue other methods when addressing similar issues.

Local 54 delegate Dorter said that her local supported the motion. She said that the local has concerns regarding other issues but the incident between a Federation employee and Many Grey Horses overshadows any other concerns. She said that the statement was released a year following the incident and months after member locals first began requesting a public statement. She said that Local 54 contacted the national office in August and it was after she posted an article, which appeared in the *Ontarion*, on the listserver before she received a response. She said that National Chairperson Carlyle contacted her but she was dissatisfied with the National Chairperson's response. She said that the at-large members of the National Executive were aware of the incident through various means.

Local 72 delegate Diane Davis said that she disputes the argument that bringing forward a motion is the only way to have the issues debated. She said that the component has been split over this issue and the majority of individuals frustrated by the lack of solutions. She said that the motion is punitive towards individuals who have worked for the Federation and she urged delegates to vote against it.

Local 1 delegate James Pratt said that he is opposed to the motion. He said that the incident is difficult to address at a personal level and impossible to respond to satisfactorily as a representative for an entire organisation. He said that there is a possibility that the National Executive did not respond quickly enough. He said that the membership is now responsible for addressing this issue and developing an appropriate response, like the inquiry. He said that although impeachment may help vindicate people it will harm the organisation.

98/11:047 **MOTION**

Local 86/Local 92

Be it resolved that debate be extended to an additional two speakers for and against the motion.

CARRIED

Local 62 delegate Lesley Reed said that the 'incident' which delegates have referred to is actually an assault. She said that it should be referred to as such to give it the legitimacy it deserves.

Local 45 delegate Lou Walsh said that he was opposed to the motion. He said that he recognises that the issue which initiated this motion important but the manner in which it is being addressed is not productive. He said that impeachment will not resolve the problem. He said that the implications of the motion are more complex then it appears.

Local 86 delegate Kevin Gedling said that he is in favour of the motion. He said that the organisation can withstand an impeachment vote and it will not tear the organisation apart. He said that impeachment is one of the fundamental rights of membership.

Local 24 delegate Erin George said that she is opposed to the motion. She said that if the vote is successful the only people that will benefit are those who support the neo-conservative, corporate agenda that the Federation fights against. She said that the lack of leadership in the Federation will not benefit the student movement nor the membership.

Local 54 delegate Dorter said that she shares some similar concerns with those speaking against the motion. She said that no National Executive member has taken the situation seriously and no one has addressed the situation in a way that validates the seriousness of it. She said that she was advised to question the woman who was assaulted and the man who assaulted her to get a better perspective. She said that when the leadership gives this type of advice it cannot be trusted. She said that she calls on any delegate to prove that the leadership can be trusted and to propose another way to address the situation and to regain confidence in the leadership and the organisation.

98/11:048 **MOTION**

Local 86/Local 37

Be it resolved that debate be extended to an additional three speakers for and against the motion.

DEFEATED

Local 86 delegate Gedling requested a ballot vote.

The Speaker said that Robert's Rules indicate that a secret ballot can only be held if the organisation's bylaws require it. She said that the Federation's bylaws are silent on the issue so a secret ballot will not be held.

A delegate requested a roll call vote.

98/11:043 **DEFEATED**

(6 in favour, 32 opposed and 3 abstentions)

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Opposed
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Favour
Local 73	City Centre Students' Association	Opposed
Local 18	Douglas College Student Society	Opposed
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Opposed
Local 76	King Edward Students' Association	Opposed
Local 26	Kwantlen University College Students' Association	Absent
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Opposed
Local 57	Native Education Centre Students' Association	Absent
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Student Association	Opposed
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Opposed
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Absent
Local 86	College of the Rockies Student Union	Favour
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Association	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Opposed
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Opposed
Local 44	University of Victoria Students' Society	Opposed
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Opposed
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Opposed
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Absent
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Opposed
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Opposed

Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Opposed
Glendon	College Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Favour
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Favour
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Opposed
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Absent
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Opposed
Northern	College Haileybury Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Opposed
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Opposed
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Abstain
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Abstain
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Opposed
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 48	University of Windsor Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Opposed
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Favour
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Opposed
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Favour
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Union	Absent
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Opposed
Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Dalhousie	Association of Graduate Students (prospective members)	Opposed
Local 11	University of King's College Society of Students' Union	Opposed
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Opposed
Local 07	Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Opposed
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 45	Marine Institute Students Union	Opposed
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Opposed
Local 87	College of the North Atlantic Student Association	Opposed

3. PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

Carlyle said that the report includes the activities undertaken between May 20, 1998 and November 24, 1998.

Campaigns and Government Relations

Carlyle said that campaigns are defined as plans of action that the Federation adopts in pursuit of it's external goals. She said that either directly or indirectly, most of the Federation's resources are applied to it's campaigns. She said that the campaign for an accessible, public post-secondary education was the primary campaign component and it was divided into two chronological segments. She said that the first was the October 13-16, 1998 Days of Action. She said that the focus was on increased core funding and specific improvements and new measures in student financial assistance. She said that the campaign has laid the ground work for future actions. She said that Days of Action media highlights include; coverage by major dailies and weeklies including the CBC National News, CBC television. news, CBC radio in French and English, the *National Post*, the *Globe and Mail*, *Macleans* magazine, *Le Devoir*, *la Presse* and *le Journal de Montreal*. She said that the campaign for increased funding for research granting councils attracted attention from key Liberal caucus members, including Finance Minister Paul Martin, who has suggested that increases to research councils funding are on the horizon for 1999 Federal budget.

Carlyle said that there are some exciting new developments in the campaign to oppose the amendments to the bankruptcy and insolvency act. She said that a number of different approaches have been employed to maintain the pressure and profile of the campaign. She said that the Federation has supported New

Democratic Party (NDP) Post-Secondary Education critic Libby Davies' private member's bill to repeal the amendments to the act. She said that the initial stages of a charter challenge have also been undertaken. She said that research on this issue is ongoing.

Carlyle said that the Federation has undertaken a campaign demanding a transformation of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. She said that one of the demands is that it be a publicly administered system of national grants. She said that the Federation has been involved in a number of different efforts, including the consultation regarding the Foundation. She said that the Federation has been one of few groups chosen to consult with. She said that letters have been sent from the national office, member locals and provincial components. She said that the Federation has also been invited to participate in nominating people for the various positions and to be involved in the development of the selection criteria for the selection of members of the board of the Millennium Scholarship Foundation. She said that throughout the process it has been iterated that the structure of the foundation must change.

Carlyle said that work on a number of campaigns has just begun. She said that it includes: the campaign against corporate rule in post-secondary education; the campaign against the use of Rohypnol and date rape, an updated version of an ongoing campaign; the campaign against youth and student unemployment; campaign against the use of the homophobic blood donor questionnaire used by the Red Cross; campaign against funding outbacks to services for students with dis[illegible]ties. She said that research has been conducted on the changes to the Vocational Rehabilitation Programmes, a funding mechanism which is jointly contributed to by the Federal and provincial governments. She said that the Federation has also received increased attention for its long-standing proposal for a Post-Secondary Education Agreement. She said that it was addressed during the Finance Committee hearings, October 26, 1998.

Internal Affairs

Carlyle said that outgoing Nova Scotia Representative Jessica Squires has been hired as the interim Nova Scotia/Prince Edward island Fieldworker interim. She said that the hiring process is in the initial stages for the following positions: Aboriginal Caucus Coordinator; Graduate Caucus Coordinator (interim); and Government Relations Coordinator (interim).

Communications Issues

Carlyle said that the Federation's web site has been renovated to include: improvements to the side menu bar; pop up boxes containing important features of the site and Federation work; and information on the October 1998 Days of Action. She said that a counter will also be added to track the number of visitors to the web site. She said that the graduate students' web site is in progress.

Carlyle said that the directive to produce generic Federation promotional materials has been fulfilled and samples will be presented to the National Executive for consideration at the next National Executive meeting.

Membership Development

Carlyle said that members at Local 9 voted to remain members of the Federation. She said that 980 votes were cast and 654 (66.6%) students voted yes to continuing membership, 326 (33.4%) voted opposed and 8 members spoiled their ballots. She said that the voter turnout of 14% was considered high for the local.

Programmes

Carlyle said that a number of changes have been made to the International Student Identity Card (ISIC). She said that the card has a new design and new promotional materials are available.

Carlyle said that local 11 joined the National Student Health Network (NSHN). She said that 11 member locals of the Federation are members of the Network. She said that in September 1998 a new programme was introduced called Student Options. She said that it is an optional dental and health plan for graduating students and those students who do not have access to a group health plan.

Finances

National Treasurer Joey Hansen said that each year the Federation operates with a budget of approximately $2 million in revenue. He said that the budget for the current fiscal year has a combined surplus and recapitialisation in Travel CUTS of $290,000. He said that the results for the 1997-98 year show that during 1998 the Federation ran a surplus of approximately $400,000. He said that the Federation has an accumulated debt owed to Travel CUTS. He said that throughout the late 1980's and early 1990's the Federation purchased shares in the company but was unable to pay for those shares. He said that during the 1996-97 year the debt was approximately $750,000. He said that the amount, referred to as the net worth gap, has since been reduced to $100,000.

Hansen said that the Federation is incorporated as the Canadian Federation of Students and Canadian Federation of Students-Services. He said that at the May 1995 general meeting the membership voted to amalgamate the two entities. He said that it is a lengthy process but is now on hold due to a legal issue. He said that the collection of 1998-99 membership dues is proceeding smoothly. He said that the Federation's membership due is indexed to the Consumer Price Index and the current fee is $3.17 per member. He said that a couple of former and current member locals of the Federation owe outstanding membership fees. He said that the National Executive is in the process of collecting those fees. He said that the Federation employs a travel pool to equalise travel costs to national general meetings. He said that some members are owed money through the travel pool and he is in the process of reimbursing those member locals. He said that the November 1997 general meeting resolved that the Federation's financial accounts be moved to a credit union. He said that the National Student Health Network's accounts have been transferred to Toronto but there is no credit union which can service both the Ottawa accounts and the Toronto accounts. He said that work is ongoing to secure a credit union which can fulfil the Federation's needs. He said that the November 1997 general meeting resolved that the Federation investigate alternative auditors. He said that the Federation has used Arthur Anderson since 1981 but serious concerns were raised about the work an associated company of Arthur Anderson did to support the Ontario Conservative government's work fare programme. He said that the National Executive has located an auditing firm which meets the criteria, Welch and Company. He said that the business concentrates on small businesses, unions and other non-governmental companies. He said that they do the audit for Oxfam Canada and Canadian Nurses Federation.

Coalitions and International Relations

National Deputy Chairperson Story said that as a result of the ongoing fight against the Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), France has withdrawn from the MAI and there is momentum building to defeat the MAI when it is presented at the World Trade Organisation. She said that Canada continues to lead the fight against the MAI and is a key player in building the movement internationally. She said that Canadian students are known to be incredibly active in this fight. She said that the Federation has funded and participated in the inquiry process, organised by the Council of Canadians.

Story said that the November 1998 National Executive meeting resolved to send an observer to East Timor for the mobilisation that has been planned by East Timorese students. She said that the Federation was invited by the East Timor student union. She said that the Federation and member locals have made financial contributions. She encouraged delegates to support the efforts to ensure that East Timor students will have access to basic supplies, like water, during their occupation.

Story said that the Federation has continued to play a fundamental role in the International Union of Students (IUS). She said that the Federation will participate in an International Union of Students Congress in 1998-99 and will continue working towards rebuilding a formal international student movement. She said that she and British Columbia Chairperson Maura Parte attended the UNESCO Conference on World Higher Education in Paris, France and they had the opportunity to meet with several student unions who expressed interest in rebuilding the International Union of Students. She said that communication tools have become more sophisticated which makes it easier to continue rebuilding the International Union of Students internationally. She said that members of the Federation should be proud of their role in this work, there have been three student unions around the world playing a key role, Germany, Canada and Libya. She said that students in Latin in America and in the All African Student Union are interested in becoming more involved.

4. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Local 44 delegate Linda Szasz thanked the National Executive for the information on changes to the bankruptcy and insolvency act which was distributed to locals in August. She asked what strategy had been developed to address the changes to the bankruptcy and insolvency act. She asked for more information regarding the Charter challenge.

Carlyle said that in preparation for the court challenge and the introduction of the private member's bill, anecdotal evidence regarding student debt and experience with the bankruptcy legislation is being solicited and gathered. She said that a toll free line is in operation in the national office for the purposes of collecting this information. She said that members should refer students to the toll free line or to the Federation's Researcher. She said that this information is being used in lobby sessions. She said that a list of provincial and federal student financial assistance is being compiled. She said that an information sheet is being developed which will provide answers to commonly asked questions about student financial assistance. She said that the court challenge is in the research phase. She said that a twenty four page considered opinion has been prepared by the Federation's lawyers. She said that the challenge is a section 15 Charter challenge on the basis of age. She said that the Federation is contending that the new bankruptcy legislation, the ten year ban on claiming student loan bankruptcy, discriminates against people on the basis of age. She said that majority of student loan debt holders and former student ... who apply for bankruptcy protection are under the age of 30. She said that in the meeting with Finance Minister Paul Martin he could not provide rationale for the changes to the legislation. She said that he claimed that the new measures in the 1998 Federal budget should eradicate the need to declare bankruptcy. She said that a suitable test case is being sought. She said that the campaign will be built in conjunction with the campaign against corporate rule.

Local 44 delegate Morgan Stewart said that the web page is one of the most effective tools of communication amongst the rank and file members. He said that the November 1997 campaigns committee made a number of suggestions which were not implemented. He said that the debt wall is a simple guest book format but the direction from the committee was to include more information including institution, name, and program of study. He said that this detailed information could be used by the Federation in its research and during lobby sessions. He said that the other direction was to include information for the January 28, 1998 Day of Action. He said that the information was on-line for the October 1998 Days of Action. He said that the Federation has a number of research documents which provide background information and are crucial to the work of the organisation. He said that the Federation should consider including these documents on the web site, thus making it available to the media and the membership.

Carlyle said that students visiting the debt wall site decide how much information they wish to include. She said that the national office has not investigated the feasibility of establishing a site where the information will remain completely confidential. She said that the both the National Executive and the Campaigns and Government Relations committee at the May 1998 national general meeting have debated which documents should be provided on the web site. She said that the debate has not been resolved. She said that media releases have been posted on the web site in a more timely fashion. She said that the National Executive has also considered a 'members only' portion of the web site which would include documents not currently on the site.

Local 19 delegate Baines asked about the status of the following directives: the provision of Constituency Group Commissioner resource guides; updating the boycott list; the provision of information regarding Text Express; and the provision of the National Executive Report to the membership before the November 1998 general meeting.

Carlyle said that the Constituency Group Commissioner resource binder was completed and distributed two months ago. She said that the boycott list has not yet been updated. She said that the National Executive was unable to prepare the report before the November 1998 national general meeting so they made it a priority to have it prepared so delegates could review it during the course of the general meeting.

Hansen said that work is ongoing on the Text Express directive. He said that work was not completed before the completion and distribution of the 1998-99 Studentsaver Card because Text Express amended the original offer and it became apparent that they could not offer the same bonus to all students receiving the Studentsaver Card. He said that if the information is available at the May 1999 national general meeting it will be presented to the members for consideration.

Local 68 delegate Michael Erikson said that the National Executive should ensure that member locals are informed immediately of any changes to campaigns timelines. He said that many of the campaign materials called for a tuition fee freeze but did not indicate that it was a first step towards the elimination of all user fees. He said that the campaign regarding the Red Cross is broader then the title of the campaign in the National Executive report suggests. He said that the campaign should be more develop at this point because it has existed for three years. He asked about the status of the directive calling for the promotion of participation of students' of colour in local student unions. He asked that National Executive members indicate the items they are responsible for.

Carlyle said that provincial components were asked to relay information regarding campaign timelines to member locals. She said that no specific text for the campaign materials was established by the members at the May 1998 national general meeting. She said that the National Executive will consider his comments regarding text into consideration before developing more materials. She said that the actual name of the Red Cross campaign is 'Campaign Against Homophobic Red Cross Questionnaire'. She said that the Ontario and Manitoba Representatives were assigned the Red Cross directive but the Ontario Representative has recently resigned. She said that the Manitoba Representative is now working on the campaign with the *TGLB Commissioner. She said that the Students' of Colour Representative is responsible for the campaign to increase participation of students' of colour in student unions and on Boards of Governors. She said that the National Executive report includes an update.

Local 8 delegate Margaret Bryans said that the Alternative Federal Budget (AFB) originated in Manitoba through the efforts of the Coalition for Social Justice (CHOICES) which originally developed the budget. She said that it was developed to empower citizens with knowledge about the budget and the budgeting process. She said that the Manitoba component is concerned that the Federation and other groups have turned the focus away from citizens participation in the budget and are focused on using the AFB as a media tool and a lobbying tool. She said that the Manitoba component is committed to making budgets accessible to people and believe that the AFB is a powerful tool in challenging the government's assertions. She said that she was informed that the 1999 federal budget would have more input from community groups then the AFB would.

Story said that the AFB is a coalition of national organisations and regional coalitions so it would be impossible for the federal budget to receive more input. She said that the AFB is the product and tool of a citizens' movement. She said that there is no intention to use the AFB primarily as a media tool. She said that a steering committee works on the content and CHOICES coordinates the animation of the budget by establishing AFB schools. She said that a variety of other organisations ensure that their members receive and understand the budget. She said that although the AFB has existed for 6 years only 20% of the population are aware of its existence which is a problem the steering committee wants to address. She said that increasing the profile of the AFB is not being done at the expense of grass roots education.

98/11:049 MOTION TO POSTPONE

Local 18/Local 61

Be it resolved that item 4. National Executive Question and Answer Period be postponed until all new business has been considered.

CARRIED

5. PRESENTATION OF THE NATIONAL EDUCATION AND STUDENT RIGHTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Nova Scotia Representative Jessica Squires said that the Committee separated into working groups to consider motions and develop proposals. She said that it was very productive.

a. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Poverty

97/11:083 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 34/Local 11

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Poverty

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system. Therefore the Federation recognises the political responsibility of students to keep personal poverty in perspective, recognising personal privilege while also working against poverty in general.

A. Minimum Income Levels

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms of assistance has led to a need for combining two or more sources of assistance in order to survive. The Federation believes it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance, and calls for increased levels of assistance in all forms.

The Federation:

- Recognises that fiscal decisions by governments which convert public debt into private debt and poverty, comprise a debt trap Canadians living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- Recognises a minimum which widens the gap between income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare;
- Supports the use of National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to establish levels of assistance and to determine the effectiveness of programs; and
- Supports the development of criteria based on National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to determine a minimum income level for members of constituencies such as students, sole-support parents, and other situations with additional expenses associated with them.

B. The Common Experiences of Poverty

The Federation recognises that similar perceptions exist of those on social assistance and those on student assistance, such as the perception that they are "receiving a handout," and the opinion that they are bad money managers with too much time on their hands. In addition, regressive aspects of the social assistance and unemployment insurance programs are echoed in the student loan program: the clawback of assistance based on employment income earned while receiving assistance is present in all three programs. Therefore, in solidarity with individuals receiving all forms of government assistance, the Federation:

- Opposes the stereotype of those on forms of assistance as lazy or inferior
- Opposes the claw back of assistance based on earnings while receiving assistance through government social programs; and
- Opposes the deliberate setting of assistance at levels well below the low-income cut off rates determined by the National Council on Welfare.

C. Student Poverty and Student Health

The Federation:

- Recognises the cycle of poverty and stress which lead to ill health and more stress; and
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education; and
- Supports full, free and accessible health and support services provided by the institution, including counselling services; and
- Recognises professional and quality peer support services, while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services.

98/05:048 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local 19

Be it resolved that that the policy statement, proposed in Motion 97/11:083, be amended to read as follows:

Poverty

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an adverse effect on access to education, and on the quality of education while in the system.

A. Minimum Income Levels

The Federation recognises that the current levels of various forms of assistance has led to a need for combining two or more sources of assistance in order to survive. The Federation believes it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance, and calls for increased levels of assistance in all forms.

The Federation:

- Recognises that fiscal decisions by governments which convert public debt into private debt and poverty, comprise a debt trap which widens the gap between people living in poverty and those living in comfort;
- calls for a minimum income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare;
- Supports the use of National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to establish levels of assistance and to determine the effectiveness of programs; and
- Supports the development of criteria based on National Council on Welfare low-income cut-off rates to determine a minimum income level for members of constituencies such as students, sole-support parents, and other situations with additional expenses associated with them.

B. The Common Experiences of Poverty

The Federation recognises that similar perceptions exist of those on social assistance and those on student assistance, such as the perception that they are "receiving a handout," and the opinion that they are bad money managers with too much time on their hands. In addition, regressive aspects of the social assistance and unemployment insurance programs are echoed in the student loan program: the clawback of assistance based on employment income earned while receiving assistance is present in all three programs. Therefore, in solidarity with individuals receiving all forms of government assistance, the Federation:

- Opposes the stereotype of those on forms of assistance as lazy or inferior and recognises that widespread poverty is a direct result of our economic system;
- Opposes the claw back of assistance based on earnings while receiving assistance through government social programs; and
- Opposes the deliberate setting of assistance at levels well below the low-income cut off rates determined by the National Council on Welfare.

C. Student Poverty and Student Health

The Federation:

- Recognises the cycle of poverty and stress which lead which lead to ill health and more stress;
- Recognises access to health services as an essential aspect of quality education;
- Supports full, free and accessible health and support services provided by the institution, including counselling services; and
- Recognises the need for quality peer support services, which while essential, do not eliminate the need for professional services."

98/11:050 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 13/Local 23

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:048 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy statement proposed in Motion 97/11:083 be amended to read as follows:

POVERTY

The Federation believes that conditions of poverty have an effect on access to education, as well as on the quality of education while in the system.

Reductions to Assistance

The Federation recognizes that there are negative public perceptions of people receiving government assistance of all forms, and that these have led to the implementation of regressive measures in these assistance programs. As well, those regressive measures perpetuate the negative public perceptions. The Federation:

- recognizes that widespread poverty is a direct result of our economic system;
- opposes the stereotype of those receiving assistance as lazy or inferior;
- opposes government reductions to social assistance measures that serve to convert public debt into private debt and poverty, thus widening the gap between rich and poor;
- opposes clawbacks of social assistance, employment insurance, child benefits and student assistance based on other earnings;

- opposes the removal of basic funding for people with disabilities; and
- opposes government legislation which reduces or eliminates access to bankruptcy processes.

Minimum Income Levels

The Federation:
- recognizes that current levels of various forms of assistance are inadequate;
- believes that it should not be necessary to combine forms of assistance in order to survive;
- supports the establishment of levels of assistance that will guarantee a minimum income level.

The Federation therefore calls for a minimum income level for individuals based on rates from the National Council on Welfare, modified appropriately for students, sole-support parents and other groups who have additional expenses.

Be it further resolved that the policy under the heading "Child Care" be moved to form part of a new policy as follows:

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Child Care

The Federation supports the following.
- free, quality, on campus child care with proportional number of spaces reserved on the basis of financial need for undergraduates, graduates, faculty and support staff;
- the elimination of barriers to subsidised spaces for all families;
- the provision of special child care for students' unique needs, i.e., evening care, weekend care, free infant care, part-time care; and
- access to quality child care and parenting skills counselling for parents who are attending school.

Health Services

The Federation recognises the cycle of poverty and stress that leads to ill health and more stress. Moreover, quality education includes access to health services. These services should be available at all post-secondary institutions. The Federation supports:
- free and accessible health services for all students;
- free and accessible quality professional services, including psychiatric care; and
- free and accessible quality peer support services."

CARRIED

98/05:048 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

97/11:083 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

b. Proposal to Adopt Policy on Assessment of Student Need

98/05:070 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 7/Local 73

Be it resolved that the Issues policy manual be amended to include the following policy:

Assessment of Student Need

The Federation believes an accessible education system is one which is open to all applicants who desire to attend a post-secondary institution. An accessible education should allow the individual student to choose the education of her choice. In addition, the Federation supports the elimination of all financial barriers to post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Accessibility). Post-secondary institutions levy up-front user fees to subsidise operating costs. The Federation fervently opposes any proposals which advocate for tuition fees as a solution to the problem of under-funding. Systemic under-funding has increased the financial burden sustained by students in post-secondary institutions through up-front user fees.

The Federation believes that the government must consider the realistic costs of post-secondary education above and beyond tuition fees and ancillary fees. Furthermore, the Federation believes that student aid line item levels should be adjusted annually to reflect the costs associated with the attainment

of a post-secondary education, and that this adjustment should reflect regional differences in the cost of obtaining a post-secondary education (refer to Issues Policy: Student Aid).

Need is defined as circumstances requiring some course of action in times of difficulty or crisis, often described as destitution or poverty in extreme circumstances. The Federation recognises there are varying financial requirements between students pursuing studies in colleges/technical institutes, undergraduate programs, and graduate programs. The Federation also recognises the unique financial needs of students with disabilities and international students. Therefore the Federation recognises that it is essential to identify various parameters in determining the financial needs of these different groups.

The following criteria should be included in any assessment of need:

Living Expenses:
- rent/mortgage
- car/transportation
- monthly bills
- food/household/hygiene
- trips home
- clothing
- moving costs

Post-secondary Education:
- up-front user fees (tuition, ancillary, etc.)
- books/program supplies/equipment
- currently held scholarships, stipends, research granting council funding

Research:
- travel/conferences
- publishing
- thesis production costs
- academic subscriptions

Employment:
- full-time versus part-time
- income
- assets

Debt:
- previous student loans
- line of credit
- credit cards

Other:
- disability
- age/mature status/ grad
- dependants

98/11:051 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 24/Local 76

Be it resolved that the proposed policy statement in Motion 98/05:070 be amended to read as follows:

ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT NEED

Preamble

Public programs for student financial assistance include an assessment of the need of the applicant. The Federation believes the calculation of need under existing public programs is inadequate, as it does not include the specific circumstances faced by many students.

The Federation defines need as circumstances requiring some extraordinary course of action and recognition. Levels of need vary greatly among students. In order to make education truly accessible, student assistance mechanisms must take into account these differing and changing

levels of need. The pursuit of post-secondary education should not require students to exist in a state of institutionalized poverty or need.

Policy

The Federation recognizes the unique financial situation of:
- students attending all types of institutions and programs;
- students with disabilities and special needs;
- students with dependents;
- international students;
- aboriginal students.

The Federation supports a definition of need that includes:
- living expenses including housing and furnishings, transportation, food, health and hygiene, clothing, heat, electricity, telephone, and moving expenses;
- adequate contact with family members;
- education costs including up-front user fees, books, software, and equipment and other program supplies;
- research expenses including travel [illegible]ference fees, publishing expenses, thesis production costs and academic subscriptions;
- a student's existing indebtedness through credit cards, a line of credit or other loans; and
- emergency costs arising during the study period.

Resources calculation

The Federation:
- recognizes scholarships, research granting council funding and employment income as resources for the purpose of calculating need;
- opposes the inclusion of family or parental income in the assessment of need.

CARRIED

98/05:070 CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Proposal to Amend Curricula Policy

98/05:078 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 83/Local 79

Be it resolved that the policy under the heading "Curricula" in the Issues policy manual be amended to include:

8. The development of curricula which address the experiences of linguistic minorities.

CARRIED

d. Proposal to Amend Minority Language Rights Policy

98/05:080 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 83/Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Minority Language Rights" be deleted:

> The Federation believes that discussion concerning issues of francophone Canadians residing outside of Québec should take place independently of discussion of issues concerning anglophones residing in Québec.

98/11:052 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:080 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy heading "Minority Language Rights" be amended to read as follows:

MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS

Preamble

The Federation recognises access to education and services in one's language of origin as a right. The Federation further recognises a situation of inequity currently exists in Canada whereby anglophones have far fewer barriers to access to education and services in their language of origin than do non-anglophones.

Access to education and services

The Federation:

- supports the creation and maintenance of fully accessible, publicly funded quality primary, secondary and post-secondary French language education institutions inside Québec;
- supports the creation and maintenance of fully accessible, publicly funded quality primary, secondary and post-secondary French language education institutions outside Québec;
- supports accessibility of education and services in the original language of people whose language of origin is neither English nor French;
- supports the maintenance of quality, fully accessible, publicly funded primary, secondary and post-secondary English-language education institutes inside Quebec; and
- supports the creation and maintenance of quality, publicly funded service to provide for Language Signe du Québec/American Sign Language availability for hearing impaired students."

CARRIED

NOTED OPPOSITION
Local 54

98/05:080 CARRIED AS AMENDED

e. Proposal to Adopt Boycott Policy

98/05:082 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 7/ Local 30

Whereas the Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of participating in boycotts of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and/or individuals to protest unjust policies and/or practices; and

Whereas the Federation currently has policies to participate in boycotts which have been discontinued; and

Whereas it makes little sense to maintain policies on boycotts which are no longer in effect; and

Whereas it would be more rational to adopt a general statement on boycotts than adopt policies for each individual boycott; and

Whereas the Federation requires a process for participating and ending its participation in a boycott, therefore

Be it resolved that Issues Policy "Unfair Practices" be deleted;

Be it further resolved that the following Issue Policy under the title "Sexual Orientation" be deleted;

> The Federation will endeavour to participate in the boycott of the state of Colorado.

Be it further resolved that the following Issues Policy be adopted:

> **BOYCOTTS**
>
> **Preamble**
>
> The Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of boycotts to protest unjust policies and/or practices of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals.
>
> **Participation**
>
> The Federation encourages members to boycott the goods and services of corporations, institutions, political jurisdictions and individuals which have discriminatory policies and/or are engaged in discriminatory practices, including but not limited to;
> - violations of fundamental human rights
> - unfair treatment and oppression of workers or citizenry.

98/11:053 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 23/Local 91

Be it resolved that the policy statement proposed in Motion 98/05:082 be amended to read as follows:

Be it resolved that Issues Policy "Unfair Practises" be deleted;

Be it further resolved that the following policy under the heading "Sexual Orientation" in the Policy Manual be deleted:

> The Federation will endeavor to participate in the boycott of the state of Colorado.

Be it further resolved that the following Issues Policy be adopted:

> **BOYCOTTS**
>
> **Preamble**
>
> The Federation recognises the legitimacy and effectiveness of boycotts to protest unjust, discriminatory and environmentally destructive policies and practises of corporations, institutions, governments, political jurisdictions and individuals.
>
> **Definition of unfair and discriminatory practises and human rights abuses**
>
> The Federation recognises the following as unfair and discriminatory policy and practise:
> - violation of fundamental human rights as defined in the United Nations' declaration of human rights and by the Federation's policy manual;
> - labour practise leading to the increased poverty, abuse, or unsafe working environment of workers;
> - oppression, violent or non-violent, of individuals or groups; and
> - discriminatory employment practise.
>
> **Conditions**
>
> The Federation encourages members to boycott the goods and services of corporations, institutions, government, political jurisdictions and individuals which have unfair and discriminatory policies and practises or are engaged in human rights and/or environmental abuses or injustices, under the following conditions:
> - the boycott has been called by or is supported by the employees of an institution, company or individual being boycotted; or
> - the boycott has been called by or is supported by the citizens or organised groups of citizens of a country or under a government or political jurisdiction being boycotted;
> - the boycott is supported by social justice organisations domestically and internationally;
> - where the boycott is initiated to advocate for a certain group, such as the employees of a certain company, that the wishes of that group concerning the boycott be respected;
> - the boycott has not been called to an end;
> - the boycott has not been rendered obsolete by a resolution of the situation in question.

CARRIED

98/05:082 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

f. Proposal to Amend Taxation Policy

98/11:026 **MOTION TO AMEND POLICY**

Local 32/ Local 30

Be it resolved that Issues policy, Taxation, be amended to include the following:

> The Federation believes that academic awards in the from of scholarships, grants and bursaries should be made exempt form federal and provincial income tax.

CARRIED

g. Proposal Concerning the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policy

96/05:135 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 72/ Local 68

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

> The Federation supports and encourages the standardisation of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to: confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students' schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation and position of influence.

Be it further resolved that the creation of 'human rights' or 'Equity' offices on campuses, that are fully funded by administration to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of Students of Colour, Students with Disabilities, Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Students and Aboriginal Students, be supported.

97/05:072 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/ Local 44

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:135 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

> The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complainant procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, position of influence.
>
> The Federation supports the creation of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded by administration, to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, gay lesbian, and bisexual students, and Aboriginal students."

98/05:017 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 5/ Local 33

Be it resolved that motion 97/05:072 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 96/05:135 be amended to read:

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

> The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a response period that is respectful of students' and staff schedules and work load; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic class, and position of influence and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.
>
> The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded, publicly and adequately, to serve the needs of all students, especially the needs of students of colour, students with disabilities, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered students, Aboriginal students, women, and francophone students."

98/11:054 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 62/Local 76

Be it resolved that the wording of the policy proposal in Motion 98/05:017 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted under the Harassment Prevention and Grievance Policies Section:

> The Federation supports and encourages the development of common elements of harassment complaint procedures between institutions that include, but are not limited to, confidentiality of the complainant; a

response period that is respectful of students' and staff; and the recognition of power imbalances that occur due to race, gender, age, ability, sexual orientation, language, socio-economic class, and position of influence and therefore a need for an advocacy procedure for the complainant.

The Federation supports the creation and maintenance of Human Rights or Equity offices on campuses that are autonomous and fully funded, publicly and adequately, to serve the needs of all students.

CARRIED

98/05:017 CARRIED AS AMENDED

97/05:072 CARRIED AS AMENDED

96/05:135 CARRIED AS AMENDED

h. Proposal Concerning Violence

98/11:037 MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY

Local 5/Local 54

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation considers violence against minorities (including but not limited to, aboriginal peoples, persons of colour, francophones) as an expression of racism which cannot be tolerated in any context. Further, the Federation will work to confront, challenge and abolish any structures that perpetuate racist violence.

98/11:055 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 62/Local 71

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:037 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the following Issues policy be adopted:

The Federation denounces violence motivated by racial discrimination.

Be it further resolved that the following Operations policy be adopted:

The Federation will work towards confronting, challenging and changing any structures that perpetuate racist violence."

CARRIED

98/11:037 CARRIED AS AMENDED

i. Proposal Concerning Boycotts

98/11:056 MOTION

Local 23/Local 89

Be it resolved that the National Executive develop an amendment to the Boycott Policy to include a definition of environmentally destructive policies and practices, under the heading "Definition of Environmentally Destructive Policies and Practices," for consideration at the May 1999 national general meeting.

CARRIED

j. Post-Secondary Education Policy--Provincial & Federal Advisory Committees

98/11:057 **MOTION**

Local 76/Local 34

Be it resolved that the National Executive develop, in conjunction with provincial components, a comprehensive list of provincial and federal advisory committees pertaining to post-secondary education policy;

Be it further resolved that the list include the composition of the provincial and federal advisory committees; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive be directed to investigate the procedures used to select student representatives, on these committees.

CARRIED

NOTICE-1 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 75/Local 07

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

Preamble

Whereas, violence is a destructive presence which effects all people;

Whereas acts of violence disproportionately affect the daily lives of minority groups, the Federation denounces all acts of violence and recognizes the right of all people to live in a violence free environment.

Policy

The Federation will work to confront, challenge and abolish violence and intimidation tactics perpetuated, engaged and sustained by corporations, institutions, governments, political jurisdictions, and individuals, against all people including but not limited to:

- violence against minorities including but not limiting to aboriginal peoples, peoples of color, francophones, gays, lesbians, transgendered, bisexuals, peoples with disabilities, and peoples of differing socio-economic class and
- violence against women including but not limiting to physical and sexual assault, psychological and emotional abuse, and
- hate violence including but not limiting to phobial, racial, and discriminatory violence.

NOTICE-2 **MOTION TO ADOPT POLICY**

Local 34/Local 61

Be it resolved that the following policy be adopted:

The Federation supports the establishment of an autonomous 'national' aboriginal student organisation fully independent of the Federation.

6. PRESENTATION OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen said that the Budget Committee used a slightly different budgeting process which expedited the proceedings. He said that the Budget Committee decided to alter the structure of the budget starting in the 1998-99 year. He said that the old format of the budget did not include some of the line items now included in the budget. He said that the Federation realised significant savings in the 1997-98 year due to the high number of staff vacancies which were budgeted for to be filled for a full year. He said that these savings enabled the Federation to finance some activities which otherwise would not have been possible. He said that the May 1999 Budget Committee will have some difficult decisions because it is unclear if the Federation will be able to maintain the level of expenditures. He said that in the 1998-99 budget the Federation has under $2 million in revenue. He said that just over half of that money is from membership dues and the remainder is derived from the Federation's various programmes. He said that the Federation's membership fee revenues have increased slightly which is a reflection of improved enrolment figures in British Columbia.

Hansen said that new equipment will have to be purchased by 2002 to produce the reformatted International Student Identity Card. He said that a number of member locals will not be able to afford the electronic hardware and software so the Federation has to budget to pay for this equipment. He said that the donations line item has increased to reflect the various requests from caucuses and constituency groups. He said that the Aboriginal Caucus allocation is now called an expense because there is no Standing Resolution in place governing the amount. He said that it has been increased to account for an increase in work and activity. He said that constituency allocations are up slightly because the membership fee revenue is slightly higher. He said that the disabled access line item in the general meeting schedule has been lowered to account for the removal of ASL/LSQ interpretation to the interpretation line item. He said that the meetings and conferences line item had an asterisk because in 1997-98 they did not cost over $30,000. He said that the asterisk is to note that the number is high because of difficulty breaking down the costs but the number would be lower in 1998-99. He said that the $30,000 reflects the money formerly in the National Executive expenses line item. He said that it was difficult to determine where each of those expenses would have gone.

Hansen said that the legal line item has increased by $10,000 to reflect the lawsuits the Federation is involved in. He said that the Federation anticipates winning the lawsuits and recovering the expenses. He said that the translation line item has been separated from the interpretation expenses. He said that no money has been allocated for the public inquiry because the Budget Committee was unsure of the costs involved. He said that the contingency line item can be accessed to cover the costs associated with the inquiry and other line items which exceed the budgeted amount. He said that the costs of simultaneous interpretation are not included in the 1998-99 budget because the money has already been allocated in previous budgets. He said that half of the money in the bilingualism fund will be used at the May 1999 national general meeting. He said that the bilingualism line item will have to be re-evaluated to ensure that sufficient funds are available to continue the Federation's commitment to bilingualism. He said that the translation line item is an expense which is determined on a yearly basis. He said that if the money is not needed it will be used elsewhere. He said that putting money into the bilingualism fund ensures that it is not re-allocated and can accrue.

Local 1 delegate Claire Gilbert asked why some components did not have individual schedules in the budget.

Hansen said that the Federation provides components with subsidies in two ways. He said that some components, primarily those with fieldstaff funded from the provincial budget, receive a cash transfer from the national budget to the provincial budget. He said that the transfer is one sixth of the membership fees collected in the province. He said that at the May 1998 national general meeting additional money was included in the Saskatchewan Component line item to reflect the additional membership development work required. He said that the detail in the staffing line item reflects the staff positions which are paid for by the national budget. He said that the exception is the Newfoundland and Labrador Component schedule. He said that the money in the budget reflects a staffing position which is temporarily replacing the allocation.

98/11:058 **MOTION**
Local 30/Local 91

Be it resolved that the 1997-98 audited financial statements of the Canadian Federation of Students, prepared by Arthur Anderson and Company, be adopted.

CARRIED

98/11:059 **MOTION**
Local 19/Local 44

Be it resolved that Welch and Company be appointed as the auditors for the Canadian Federation of Students and the Canadian Federation of Students-Services for the 1998-99 fiscal year.

CARRIED

98/11:060 **MOTION**
Local 44/Local 19

Be it resolved that the final draft revised 1998-99 budget be adopted.

CARRIED

98/11:061 **MOTION**
Local 44/Local 19

Be it resolved that the bilingualism fund be used in an effort to uphold Standing Resolution 2.7 Bilingualism in Plenary Sessions, at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting; and

Be it further resolved that an investigation into the feasibility and costs of providing simultaneous interpretation without equipment be undertaken.

98/11:062 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 19/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:061 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that the bilingualism fund be used in an effort to uphold Standing Resolution 2.7 Bilingualism in Plenary Sessions, at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting;

Be it further resolved that the bilingualism fund be used in an effort to provide simultaneous interpretation services in, but not be limited to, the Women's constituency group at the 1999 annual and semi-annual national general meetings; and

Be it further resolved that an investigation into the feasibility and costs of providing simultaneous interpretation without equipment be undertaken."

Local 19 delegate Baines said that the Standing Resolution only refers to the plenary sessions but Women's Constituency group is the second largest group to meet at general meetings. She said that this is an effort to ensure women can fully participate. She said that, whatever is possible, either with equipment or without would be acceptable.

A Local 75 delegate said that if there is an intention to increase francophone membership in the Federation the fund should be used for all sessions at a national general meeting.

Local 91 delegate Misty Mullarky said that providing interpretation throughout Women's constituency group impeded her ability to participate.

Local 72 delegate Davis said that the need for simultaneous interpretation increases as the size of the group increases.

98/11:062 CARRIED

98/11:061 CARRIED AS AMENDED

98/11:063 MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Local 11/Local 1

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:052 be reconsidered.

CARRIED

98/05:080 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY

Local 83/Local 79

Be it resolved that the following policy under the heading "Minority Language Rights" be deleted:

> The Federation believes that discussion concerning issues of francophone Canadians residing outside of Québec should take place independently of discussion of issues concerning anglophones residing in Québec.

98/11:052 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 11/Local 75

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:080 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy "Minority Language Rights" be amended to read as follows:

> **MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS**
>
> **Preamble**
>
> The Federation recognises access to education and services in one's language of origin as a right. The Federation further recognises a situation of inequity currently exists in Canada whereby anglophones have far fewer barriers to access to education and services in their language of origin than do non-anglophones.
>
> **Access to Education and Services**
>
> The Federation:

- supports the creation and maintenance of fully accessible, publicly funded quality primary, secondary and post-secondary French language education institutions inside Québec;
- supports the creation and maintenance of fully accessible, publicly funded quality primary, secondary and post-secondary French language education institutions outside Québec;
- supports accessibility of education and services in the original language of people whose language of origin is neither English nor French;
- supports the maintenance of quality, fully accessible, publicly funded primary, secondary and post-secondary English-language education institutes inside Quebec; and
- supports the creation and maintenance of quality, publicly funded service to provide for Language Signe du Québec/American Sign Language availability for hearing impaired students."

98/11:064 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 30/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:052 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the policy "Minority Language Rights" be amended to read as follows:

MINORITY LANGUAGE RIGHTS

Preamble

The Federation recognises access to education and services in one's language of origin as a right. The Federation further recognises a situation of inequity currently exists in Canada whereby anglophones have far fewer barriers to access to education and services in their language of origin than do non-anglophones.

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- supports accessibility of education and services in the original language of people whose language of origin is neither English nor French;
- supports the maintenance of quality, fully accessible, publicly funded primary, secondary and post-secondary English-language education institutes inside Quebec; and
- supports the creation and maintenance of quality, publicly funded service to provide for Language Signe du Québec/American Sign Language availability for deaf and hard of hearing students."

CARRIED

98/11:052 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

98/05:080 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

98/11:065 **MOTION**

Local 19/Local 23

Be it resolved that the meeting recess until Sunday, November 29 at 9:00.

CARRIED

23:21 — the meeting recessed.

CALL TO ORDER—Sunday, November 29, 1998

9:18 — the Speaker called the meeting to order.

7. ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

Local 75	Camosun College Student Society	Present
Local 05	Capilano Students' Union	Present
Local 73	City Centre Students' Association	Present
Local 18	Douglas College Student Society	Present
Local 33	Emily Carr Students' Union	Present
Local 76	King Edward Students' Association	Present
Local 26	Kwantlen University College Students' Association	Absent
Local 61	Malaspina Students' Union	Present
Local 57	Native Education Centre Students' Association	Absent
Local 13	College of New Caledonia Student Association	Present
Local 72	North Island Students' Association	Present
Local 66	Northwest Community College Students' Association	Absent
Local 86	College of the Rockies Student Union	Present
Local 04	Selkirk Students' Assocation	Absent
Local 23	Simon Fraser Student Society	Present
Local 89	University of Victoria Graduate Students' Society	Present
Local 44	University of Victoria Student Society	Present
Local 09	University of Regina Students' Union	Present
Local 90	Saskatchewan Indian Federated College Students' Association	Absent
Local 37	Brandon University Students' Union	Present
Local 38	Association des étudiantes et étudiants du Collège universitaire de Saint-Boniface	Absent
Local 08	University of Winnipeg Students' Association	Present
Local 82	Algoma University Students' Association	Absent
Local 01	Carleton University Students' Association	Present
Local 78	Carleton University Graduate Students' Association	Absent
Local 92	Student Association of George Brown College	Present
	Glendon College Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 54	University of Guelph Central Student Association	Present
Local 62	University of Guelph Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 32	Lakehead University Student Union	Present
Local 30	Laurentian University Students' General Association	Absent
Local 88	Association des étudiantes et étudiants francophones de l'Université Laurentienne	Present
Local 20	Nipissing University Student Union	Present
	Northern College Haileybury Students' Association (prospective member)	Absent
Local 25	Ontario College of Art and Design Students' Union	Absent
Local 24	Ryerson Students' Administrative Council	Present
Local 85	Saint Paul's University Students' Association	Absent
Local 19	University of Toronto Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 71	Trent Central Student Association	Present
Local 47	University of Western Ontario Society of Graduate Students	Present by proxy
Local 56	Wilfrid Laurier Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 48	University of Windsor Society of Graduate and Professional Students	Present
Local 68	York Federation of Students	Present
Local 84	York University Graduate Students' Association	Present
Local 91	Concordia Student Union	Present
Local 83	Concordia Graduate Students' Union	Present
Local 79	Post-Graduate Students' Society of McGill	Present

Local 64	Acadia University Students' Union	Absent
Dalhousie Association of Graduate Students (prospective members)		Present
Local 11	University of King's College Society of Students' Union	Present
Local 34	Mount Saint Vincent University Students' Union	Present
Local 07	Students' Union of Nova Scotia College of Art and Design	Present
Local 63	Holland College Student Union	Absent
Local 31	University of Prince Edward Island Student Union	Absent
Local 70	University of Prince Edward Island Graduate Student Association	Absent
Local 45	Marine Institute Students Union	Present
Local 35	Memorial University Students' Union	Present
Local 87	College of the North Atlantic Student Association	Present

The Speaker declared quorum to have been achieved.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

a. National Executive Report

97/11:113 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 35/Local 44

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #26 be amended to read:

Whereas the at-large officers work in Ottawa away from the majority of members; and

Whereas the leadership of Federation members changes during the Federation's executive term of office; and

Whereas the National Executive does not make minutes available until the next national general meeting; therefore;

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #26 be amended to read:

> A mid-year National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings.
>
> This report shall include, but not be limited to:
> - a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
> - an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
> - a breakdown of current budget status (i.e. Actuals as compared to the budget)
> - an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
> - an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and
> - any other information pertinent to members.

98/11:066 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:169 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #26 be amended to read:

> The National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings, and that the report include but not be limited to:
> - a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
> - an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
> - a breakdown of current budget status (i.e. Actuals as compared to the budget)
> - an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
> - an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and

- any other information pertinent to members.
- Travel CUTS finances;
- Federation internal affairs;
- Social justice and anti-oppression work;
- Coalition building; and any other information pertinent to members.

CARRIED

97/11:113 CARRIED AS AMENDED

98/05:169 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 83/Local 35

Be it resolved that motion 97/11:113 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #26 be amended to read:

The National Executive Report shall be produced and distributed to the membership before the Annual and Semi-Annual national general meetings.

This report shall include, but not be limited to:

- a report of campaign activities and the goals achieved;
- an identification of membership issues and how they are being dealt with;
- a breakdown of current budget status (i.e. Actuals as compared to the budget)
- an overview of decisions made at National Executive meetings;
- an identification of goals and priorities for the remainder of the term of office; and
- any other information pertinent to members.

RULED REDUNDANT

b. Proposal Concerning the Membership of the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group

98/05:138-b MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 71/Local 14

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #9.3 be amended to read:

As there are conditions, either officially recognised or not, that may limit full participation in the post-secondary education environment, members of the Constituency Group shall include all students with disabilities who are delegates of general meetings of the Federation. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency group may also include students without disabilities who have concerns with students with disabilities issues and concerns.

98/11:067 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 24/Local 18

Be if resolved that Motion 98/05:138-b be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution #9.3 be amended to read:

As there are conditions, either officially recognised or not, that may limit full participation in the post-secondary education environment, members of the Constituency Group shall include all students with disabilities who are delegates of general meetings of the Federation. Subject to ratification by the Constituency Group, the Constituency group may also include students without disabilities who have concerns with students with disabilities issues at any level of post-secondary education."

CARRIED

98/05:138-b CARRIED AS AMENDED

c. Proposal Concerning the Content of the *Student Traveller* Magazine

98/05:164 **MOTION**

Local 24/Local 71

Be it resolved that images and text represented in the *Student Traveller* be supplemented with text stating the economic and social realities of the nation presented.

98/11:068 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/Local 54

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:164 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that images and text represented in the *Student Traveller* be supplemented with a comprehensive resource list to provide information on the economic and social realities of the nations presented."

98/11:069 **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT**

Local 61/Local 18

Be it resolved that the wording for Motion 98/05:164 proposed in Motion 98/11:068 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that images and text represented in the *Student Traveller* be supplemented with a comprehensive resource list to provide information on the human rights record of the nations presented."

Local 61 delegate Sabourin said that the amendment is not intended to alter the intent of the motion but to make it consistent with an existing policy. She said that the current amendment is confusing because it does not specify who's economic and social reality is being portrayed.

Local 68 delegate Erikson said that he was opposed to the amendment. He said that a comprehensive resource list will provide more information. He said that the information should not be restricted to human rights records. He said that the directive can be re-evaluated in six months.

98/11:069 **DEFEATED**

98/05:164 **CARRIED**

98/11:068 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

9. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

Nembhard said that all the positions were included on one ballot to expedite the process. She said that she and Hashemi had originally decided that if one vote was spoiled, the entire ballot would be considered spoiled.

The following locals noted their opposition to the ruling of the Chief Returning Officers: 1, 5, 19,54,62,68, and 71.

Nembhard said that new ballots would be created and locals would be able to vote again. She said that the ballots in the first round of voting would be used for the Travel CUTS board position.

A roll call was conducted to ensure that all locals were present.

The second round of voting commenced.

8. PRESENTATION OF THE ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT (Continued)

d. Proposal to Restructure Representation on the Travel CUTS Board

98/05:098 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS & STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 61/Local 89

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 20, Travel CUTS Board Members, be amended to read:

1. **Federation Representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

   The National Chairperson, the National Deputy Chairperson, the National Treasurer and two National Executive members selected by the National Executive, shall be the Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Board of Directors.

Be it further resolved that any references to the at-large members of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors be deleted from the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policy manual.

98/05:176 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that the amended Standing Resolution #19, proposed in Motion 98/05:098, be amended to read:

1. **Federation representation on the Travel CUTS Board**

   The Federation representatives on the Travel CUTS Boards shall be:
   a) the National Chairperson;
   b) the National Deputy Chairperson;
   c) the National Treasurer; and
   d) two sitting National Executive members selected to sit on the Board by the National Executive."

Be it further resolved that any references to the at-large members of the Travel CUTS Board of Directors be deleted from the Bylaws, Standing Resolutions and Policy Manual.

98/11:070 MOTION TO REFER

Local 44/Local 33

Be it resolved that Motions 98/05:176 and 98/05:098 be referred to the National Executive.

Local 44 delegate Linda Szasz said that she was unclear about the rationale for the motion and would like more information.

Local 19 delegate Baines said that the motion was referred to the National Executive and they have not presented additional information on this motion.

Local 68 delegate Erikson said that the motion should not be referred because the membership should be permitted to debate the issue and resolve it.

98/11:070 DEFEATED

98/05:176 DEFEATED

98/05:098 DEFEATED

e. Proposal to Modify the Bilingualism Forum at Nat'l General Meetings

98/05:118 MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS

Local 44/Local 61

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 1, be amended to read:

1. **Scheduling**

   At each semi-annual national general meeting, and at each annual national general meeting, the bilingualism Forum ("Forum") shall be struck.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 3, be amended to read:

3. **Voting**

Each member local shall have one vote on Forum motions.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 4, be amended to read:

4. Mandate

The Forum shall:

a) direct the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism to undertake relevant work.
b) receive the report from the National Executive Subcommittee on Bilingualism;
c) submit a written report to the relevant standing subcommittee for consideration which shall include, but not be limited to: a review of progress on the implementation of bilingualism related policy and directives; and recommendations for change to operational and issues policy concerning bilingualism within the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 5, be amended to read;

5. Chairperson

As their first order of business at a general meeting, the Forum shall elect a Chairperson from within its membership, except as otherwise provided in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Resolutions of the Federation.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30, Article 6 be deleted;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 30, Article 7 be amended to read:

6. Distribution and presentation of outstanding reports

The Forum reports, if it is not presented in full at a general meeting due to lack of time, natural disaster or other event beyond human control, shall be:

a. distributed to the member locals not less than four weeks prior to the next regularly scheduled national general meeting;
b. presented in the opening plenary of the next regularly scheduled national general meeting prior to any new business.

98/11:071 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 18/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion 98/05:118 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 1 be amended to read:

Scheduling

At each Federation general meeting the Bilingualism Forum, hereinafter referred to as the Forum, shall be struck.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 4 be amended to read:

Bilingualism Terms of Reference

The Forum may, from time to time and as necessary:

- review and evaluate the status and effectiveness of Bilingualism issues policy and operational policy, and bilingualism within Federation structures;
- submit motions to create or amend operational and issues policy, and Bylaws and Standing Resolutions to the relevant Standing Subcommittee of Plenary for consideration;
- report to Plenary.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 6 be deleted;

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 7 part b) be amended to read:

- presented to the opening plenary of the next Federation national general meeting.

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 29, Article 8 be amended to read:

Bilingualism in forum sessions

All forum sessions shall be conducted in equal parts French and English and the Forum Chairperson shall alternate between each language every half hour."

CARRIED

98/05:118 CARRIED AS AMENDED

f. Proposal Concerning the Location of National General Meetings

98/11:022 MOTION TO AMEND BYLAWS
Local 18/Local 56

Be it resolved that Bylaw II, General Meetings, Section 5, Location of General Meetings, Subsection a, be amended to read as follows:

a. each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Nepean area;

Be it further resolved that Subsection b. be deleted.

98/11:072 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 61/Local 8

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:022 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Bylaw II, General Meetings, Section 5, Location of General Meetings, Subsection a, be amended to read as follows:

a. each general meeting of the Federation will be held in the greater Ottawa/Hull/Nepean area. In extenuating circumstances the National Executive may select an alternative meeting location;

Be it further resolved that Subsection b. be deleted."

CARRIED

98/11:022 CARRIED AS AMENDED

g. Proposal to Amend Annual Report Policy

98/11:024 MOTION TO AMEND POLICY
Local 7/Local 11

Be it resolved that Operational Policy, Annual Report, be amended to read as follows:

An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. The report shall be distributed to each member local student association in attendance at the Federation's Annual general meeting. A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four weeks following the meeting.

98/11:073 MOTION TO AMEND
Local 61/Local 45

Be it resolved that the Motion 98/11:024 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Operational Policy, Annual Report, be amended to read as follows:

An annual report outlining the work and finances of the Federation will be produced following each fiscal year. The report shall be based upon the National Executive reports prepared for the annual and semi-annual national general meetings. The report shall be distributed to each member local student association in attendance at the Federation's Annual general meeting. A copy of the annual report shall be mailed to each member local not in attendance at the meeting no later than four weeks following the meeting."

CARRIED

98/11:024 CARRIED AS AMENDED

h. Proposal Concerning Membership Development in Québec

98/11:030 **MOTION**

Local 30/Local 32

Whereas negotiations between the Québec component and le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) only commenced in October 1998 and MDE locals are just starting to discuss the issue;

Whereas the MDE executive wants to organise a provincial merger before moving towards full membership in the Federation;

Whereas the Federation understands the urgency of unifying the progressive student movement in Québec;

Whereas it will already be difficult to successfully campaign for membership at the provincial level, and trying to get immediate congruency and full membership in the Federation could jeopardise the process;

Whereas it would be premature to reach a definitive agreement between the Federation and MDE at the 1998 annual national general meeting;

Whereas a reasonable deadline to complete the negotiations and reach a permanent agreement has to be established; therefore

Be it resolved that negotiations be entered into with le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) and the CFS-Québec component, with the following goals:

1. to facilitate the membership of MDE members in the Québec component of the Canadian Federation of Students in 1998-99;
2. to encourage MDE locals to apply for prospective membership in 1998-99;
3. to prepare a second round of negotiations, leading to full congruency, or another permanent agreement between the Québec component and the CFS, by May 2000.

Be it further resolved that a report on the negotiation process be submitted including related notices of motion, to the May 1999 general meeting.

Quebec staff person Benoit Renaud said that the le Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation (MDE) was founded in May 1995. He said that the goal is to strengthen and reinforce the student movement. He said that the intention of the motion is to commence a dialogue between the Federation and the MDE.

98/11:30 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

i. Proposal to Allocate Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism & Anti-Racism Groups

98/11:033 **MOTION**

Local 54/ Local 71

Be it resolved that a contribution of $50,000 be made on an annual basis to anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups which are independent of the Federation.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR

Local 54

j. Proposal to Assign Responsibility for the Allocation of Funds to Anti-Poverty, Anti-Sexism & Anti-Racism Groups

98/11:035 **MOTION**

Local 54/ Local 71

Be it resolved that the Students' of Colour constituency group, the Women's constituency group, and the Anti-Poverty working group (to be created), be empowered to make all decisions related to the transfer of the annual sum to the anti-poverty, anti-racism, anti-sexism groups independent of the Federation.

RULED REDUNDANT

k. Proposal to Allocate Funds to a National Aboriginal Student Organisation

98/11:039 **MOTION**

Local 5/ Local 54

Whereas the Federation recognises and fully supports Aboriginal peoples' inherent rights and titles including the right to self government and all of its cultural and spiritual forms, and the right to self administered services; therefore

Be it resolved that an annual allocation of $200,000 be set aside for the purposes of the establishment of an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organisation fully independent of the Federation; and

Be it further resolved that the Aboriginal Caucus of the Federation be the sole authority in making all decisions related to the transfer of the annual $200,000 allocation to an autonomous "national" aboriginal student organisation fully independent of the Federation.

DEFEATED

NOTED IN FAVOUR

Local 5
Local 54
Local 56

l. Proposal to Create Anti-Poverty Working Group

98/11:041 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 5/ Local 54

Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

ANTI-POVERTY WORKING GROUP

1. **Name**
   The working group shall be called the Anti-Poverty Working Group.
2. **Objectives**
   To be determined at each general meeting.
3. **Membership**
   A majority of the members of such a working group must be anti-poverty activists who identify as being poor and themselves cannot afford a post-secondary education.
4. **Meetings**
   Meetings of the group shall be held at each general meeting of the Federation.

98/11:074 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 68/ Local 24

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:041 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that the following Standing Resolution be adopted:

ANTI-POVERTY WORKING GROUP

1. **Name**
   The working group shall be called the Anti-Poverty Working Group.
2. **Objectives**
   To be determined at each general meeting.
3. **Membership**
   Members of the Anti-Poverty working group shall be delegates at Federation general meetings.
4. **Meetings**
   Meetings of the group shall be held at each general meeting of the Federation and shall be a minimum of one hour in length."

Local 44 delegate Szasz said that the Committee is recommending that a workshop be conducted focusing on anti-poverty issues. She said that a workshop is preferable to entrenching a working group in the Standing Resolutions. She said that all of the Federation's work is based on economic analysis. She said that campaigns, like the campaigns against student debt loads, increasing tuition fees, ancillary fees, are central to the Federation's work and is anti-poverty work. She said that it is a false division to establish an anti-poverty working group and issues of poverty should not be isolated nor separated from the work of the Federation.

Local 68 delegate Erikson said that workshops at national general meetings are a lecture format and there is no forum for exchange.

A Local 71 delegate said that poverty is not restricted to tuition fee issues. She said that other anti-poverty issues should be integrated into the Federation's work.

Local 73 delegate Karen Eryou said that currently issues are discussed and the delegates decide what is relevant and important to discuss. She said that this focus on one issue is limiting. She said that a workshop would provide delegates with knowledge which can be used when discussing other issues.

Local 61 delegate Sabourin said that anti-poverty work and economic analysis is and should be the basis for the Federation's work. She said that delegates should be encouraged to use this analysis in all work of the Federation and at general meetings.

Local 19 delegate Baines said that it is important to provide to a place where the issues can be delved into more deeply, with more thoroughness.

Local 54 delegate Daniele Behn-Smith said that she is frustrated that delegates have indicated that issues of anti-poverty are not addressed yet oppose the creation of an anti-poverty working group. She said that the workshops and forums are not well attended at general meetings. She said that an anti-poverty workshop will not be attended and will not be taken seriously by other delegates.

98/11:074 **DEFEATED**

98/11:041 **DEFEATED**

m. Amendment to the National Graduate Council Standing Resolutions

98/05:126 **MOTION TO AMEND STANDING RESOLUTIONS**

Local 89/Local 44

Be it resolved that Section 3b) and 3c) of Standing Resolutions 19, The National Graduate Council be repealed;

Be it further resolved that all subsequent clauses be renumbered in sequence;

Be it further resolved that any references to associate membership in the Bylaws be removed.

CARRIED

NOTICE **MOTION TO AMEND THE BYLAWS**

Local 89/Local 44

Be it further resolved that Section 3 of the Definitions in the Bylaws be amended to read:

> A local student association will be taken for all purposes of these By-laws to mean an organisation of students which satisfies the following criteria:
> - it is locally and democratically controlled;
> - it is autonomous from other organisations; and
> - it represents students at only one post-secondary institution.
>
> or, the graduate students belonging to an organisation that fulfils these criteria and is comprised of both graduate and undergraduate members, not belonging to the Federation, provided that the graduate students have an identifiable infrastructure and some legal structure enabling it to enter into contracts.
>
> Students' Councils will refer to the usual legislative body of the member local association for the purposes of these By-laws."

o. Amendment to the Women's Constituency Group Standing Resolutions

98/11:075 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 44/Local 18

Be it resolved that Standing Resolution 14, Women's Constituency Group, Section 2, be amended to read as follows:

> 2. **Membership**
>
> Membership of the Constituency group shall include all women and transgendered people who are delegates from member local associations; constituency, component and caucus representatives; and/or National Executive members at general meetings of the Federation. This membership shall participate in voice and vote at all meetings of the Constituency Group.

Be it further resolved that Section 4 be deleted and all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly; and

Be it further resolved that Standing Resolution 14, Women's Constituency Group be amended to include:

> 4. **Rights and Privileges of Non-Members**
>
> Non-members shall be entitled to participate in any meetings of the Constituency Group, and may speak on any matter arising at such a meeting. Non-members may not vote at meetings of the Constituency Group.

Be it further resolved that all subsequent sections be renumbered accordingly.

CARRIED

p. Provision of Sensitivity Training for National Executive and Staff

98/11:076 **MOTION**

Local 68/Local 76

Whereas the mandate of the Students' with Disabilities Constituency Group includes representing the interests and concerns of student with disabilities within the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that sensitivity training be provided for members of the National Executive and staff on issues affecting students with disabilities; and

Be it further resolved that the content of this training session be developed by the Students with Disabilities Commissioner in co-operation with National Educational Association for Disabled Students (NEADS).

CARRIED

q. Provision of ASL and/or LSQ Interpretation Services

98/11:077 **MOTION**

Local 45/Local 24

Be it resolved that American Sign Language (ASL) and/or Language Signe du Québec (LSQ) interpretation services be secured once the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting dates are established;

Be it further resolved that the Students' with Disabilities Commissioner be consulted when securing ASL and/or LSQ interpretation services;

Be it further resolved that in the event that no ASL and/or LSQ interpretation services are available, professional real-time captioning services will be secured no more than one month after the dates of the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting have been established;

Be it further resolved that in the event that professional real-time captioning services cannot be retained, the1999 semi-annual national general meeting will be rescheduled.

CARRIED

r. Composition of the Public Inquiry Committee

98/11:078 **MOTION**

Local 73/Local 35

Be it resolved that the committee charged with the responsibility of developing the terms and conditions governing the public inquiry be comprised of the following:
- Aboriginal National Executive Representative;
- National Chairperson;
- National Deputy Chairperson;
- Francophone National Executive Representative;
- *TBGL Commissioner;
- Students' of Colour National Executive Representative; and
- Women's National Executive Representative;

Be it further resolved that the committee seek the advice of the following organisations:
- the National Action Committee on the Status of Women;
- the Assembly of First Nations;
- the Canadian Labour Congress; and
- the Native Association of Women.

Be it further resolved the committee seek the advice of constituency group commissioners.

CARRIED

s. Use of the Word "Nation" and "National"

98/11:079 **MOTION**

Local 54/Local 91

Be it resolved that in all Federation activities the words "nation" and "national" not be used whenever possible when speaking of the whole of Canada.

CARRIED

t. Support of Unionised Labour

98/11:080 **MOTION**

Local 45/Local 68

Be it resolved that unionised labour be supported whenever possible.

CARRIED

u. Investigation into Membership Development

98/11:081 **MOTION**

Local 86/Local 89

Be it resolved that an investigation into membership development in the provinces of Alberta, New Brunswick, the Yukon, Nunavut and the Northwest Territories be undertaken.

CARRIED

v. Workshop Proposal for the 1999 Semi-Annual National General Meeting

98/11:082 **MOTION**

Local 44/Local 68

Be it resolved that a workshop on poverty be held at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting.

98/11:083 MOTION TO AMEND

Local 54/Local

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:082 be amended to read as follows:

"Be it resolved that a working group meeting on poverty be held at the 1999 semi-annual national general meeting.

Local 54 delegate Dorter said that one working group should be held at one general meeting. She said that if it is not successful then it will not be held again.

Local 68 delegate Erikson said that a working group provides an opportunity for everyone to participate without a power imbalance. He said that a facilitator would likely assist but would not necessarily intervene or offer opinions. He said that the participants would control the focus and direction of the group.

National Chairperson Carlyle said that the Federation has conducted workshops which fit the description provided by the previous speaker.

98/11:083 CARRIED

98/11:082 CARRIED AS ADOPTED

w. Proposal to Purchase a Tele-typewriter Machine

98/11:084 MOTION

Local 76/Local 1

Whereas effective communication is essential to the working of the Federation; therefore

Be it resolved that a TTY (tele-typewriter) machine be purchased for the National Office.

CARRIED

9. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS (Continued)

a. Election of At-Large National Executive Members and Travel CUTS Board Representative

Hashemi announced the election results:

- National Chairperson	Michael Conlon;
- National Deputy Chairperson	Elizabeth Carlyle;
- National Treasurer	Joey Hansen;
- Travel CUTS Board representative	Fiona Robertson.

98/11:085 MOTION

Local 71/Local 34

Be it resolved that the vote counts for the following positions: National Chairperson; National Deputy Chairperson; National Treasurer and at-large Travel CUTS representative be released.

98/11:086 MOTION TO SUSTAIN DECISION OF THE CHAIR

Local 54/Local 75

Be it resolved that the ruling of the Speaker be upheld.

The Speaker said that a motion to release the vote count would require a 2/3 majority. She said that this is because the Bylaws and Standing Resolutions require a 2/3 majority and they govern elections.

Local 54 delegate Dorter that it should be a simple majority.

98/11:086 DEFEATED

98/11:085 CARRIED

Hashemi said that the results were as follows:
- for National Chairperson 34 votes for Conlon, 2 votes opposed to Conlon, and 5 spoiled ballots;
- for National Deputy Chairperson 31 votes for Carlyle, 9 votes for Michael Erikson, and 1 spoiled ballot;
- for National Treasurer 32 votes for Hansen, 5 votes opposed to Hansen, and 4 spoiled ballots; and
- for Travel CUTS Board position, 32 votes for Fiona Robertson, 13 votes for Connie Scott, and 6 spoiled ballots.

98/11:087 **MOTION**
Local 8/Local 92

Be it resolved that the report of the Chief Returning Officers for the elections of National Chairperson, National Deputy Chairperson and National Treasurer be accepted; and

Be it further resolved that the report of the Chief Returning Officers for the election of the Travel CUTS Board Representative be accepted.

CARRIED

NOTED OPPOSITION
Local 54

b. Election of Aboriginal Representatives

98/11:088 **MOTION**
Local 23/Local 20

Be it resolved that Charlene Green be ratified as the Aboriginal Students' National Executive Representative for the remainder of the 1998-99 term.

CARRIED

98/11:089 **MOTION**
Local 23/Local 20

Be it resolved that Troy Sebastien be ratified as the Aboriginal Students' National Executive Representative for the 1999-2000 term.

CARRIED

c. Election of Women's Representative

98/11:090 **MOTION**
Local 8/Local 20

Be it resolved that Anita Zaenker be ratified as the Women's National Executive Representative for the remainder of the 1998-99 term.

CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF CAMPAIGNS AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Carlyle said that an unprecedented number of motions were introduced which were not directly related to the main strategy. She said that many of the motions require member locals to take a lot of responsibility for their implementation. She encouraged member locals to implement the motions upon their return to campus. She said that the National Executive may require that notice of motions be served for campaign related motions so members can discuss the campaigns at the local level. She said that this will also allow delegates to review background information before the national general meeting.

a. Amendments to 1998-99 National Campaigns Strategy

98/11:091 **MOTION**
Local 48/Local 24

Be it resolved that the campaigns and government relations proposal "Student Strike 2000" be adopted as part of 1998-99 and 1999-2000 National Campaigns Strategy; and

Be it further resolved that the proposal replace the "February Day of Student Strike and Action" within the Primary Component of the 1998-99 National Campaigns Strategy.

98/11:092 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 91/Local 61

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:091 be amended to include:

"Be it further resolved that the campaign goals of "Student Strike 2000" building an international coalition of students' organisations to raise education issues on a global scale by calling for an International Students' Day of Action."

CARRIED

98/11:093 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 11/Local 19

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:091 be amended to include:

"Be it resolved that the section February 1999 in the 1998-99 and 1999-2000 National Campaigns Strategy be amended to include the following wording:

> Provincial components will be encouraged to take primary responsibility for coordinating local events, augmented by reports from the National Office regarding events planned/occurring across Canada."

CARRIED

Local 18 delegate Amanda Wheeler said that the term Pan-Canadian is confusing to many students and she would suggest an alternate word like "from Coast to Coast".

Renaud said that it could simply be called a "Day of Action".

98/11:091 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

b. Call for a Public Inquiry into the Death of Dudley George

98/11:094 **MOTION**

Local 71/Local 01

Be it resolved that the Federation join the Coalition for a Public Inquiry into the Death of Dudley George;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse, join, support, and contribute financially to the campaign;

Be it further resolved that a sample letter to the Ontario government calling for a public inquiry be written and distributed to member locals;

Be it further resolved that a donation of $2,500 be made to the Coalition; and

Be it further resolved that a press release supporting the call for a public inquiry be issued.

Local 75 delegate Sebastien encouraged delegates to support the motion. He said that the funding level is adequate and necessary to ensure that the campaign is effective.

Local 92 delegate Adamo said that he is in favour of the motion. He said that it is not an isolated incident and it is important to lend support to these efforts.

98/11:094 **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

c. Call for a Public Inquiry into the Use of Force during the Gustafsen Lake Stand-off

98/11:095 **MOTION**

Local 24/Local 79

Be it resolved that the campaign for a public inquiry into the events that took place at Gustafsen Lake, British Columbia, in the summer of 1995 be supported;

Be it further resolved that a press release in support of the campaign be issued;

Be it further resolved that a sample letter of support for the campaign be written and distributed to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to endorse and mobilise in support of the campaign.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. Proposal to Support the Anti-Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Conference Protesters

98/11:096 **MOTION**

Local 79/Local 91

Whereas protesters at the November 1997 Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation Conference were pepper-sprayed by officers of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police;

Whereas an inquiry has been organised to investigate the actions of the RCMP during the Conference;

Whereas the protesters do not have the financial resources for legal representation at the inquiry;

Whereas the protesters are entitled to legal representation at the inquiry; therefore,

Be it resolved that Parliament be called upon to fund the costs of legal representation for the protesters who were pepper-sprayed;

Be it further resolved that a letter and press release in support of the protesters be written and distributed;

Be it further resolved that a membership advisory, which includes fund-raising suggestions, be prepared and distributed to all member locals;

Be it further resolved that member locals be notified of any Liberal Party events; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise actions in support of the Anti-APEC protesters.

98/11:097 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 1/Local 11

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:097 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that Parliament be called upon to fund the costs of legal representation for the protesters who were pepper-sprayed;

Be it further resolved that a letter and press release in support of the protesters who were stripped of their right to demonstrate, arrested without cause and assaulted with pepper spray be written and distributed;

Be it further resolved that a membership advisory, which includes fund-raising suggestions, be prepared and distributed to all member locals;

Be it further resolved that member locals be notified of any Liberal Party events; and

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to organise actions in support of the Anti-APEC protesters.

CARRIED

98/11:096 **CARRIED AS AMENDED UNANIMOUSLY**

e. Relief Campaign for Victims of Hurricane Mitch

98/11:098 **MOTION**

Local 18/Local 48

Whereas Hurricane Mitch has left 10,500 people dead, 12,000 people missing, and over 2 million people homeless; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in the relief campaign for victims of Hurricane Mitch;

Be it further resolved that a donation of $500 be made to the relief campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the federal government demanding that Canada call upon the International Monetary Fund to eliminate all outstanding debts owed by those countries devastated by Hurricane Mitch.

Local 62 delegate Lesley Reed said that the sum is too low. She said that University of Guelph students intend to raise $25,000 and almost $5,000 has been raised to-date. She said that the Federation and member locals should contribute more money. She said that the amount is minimal compared to the needs of the people effected by Hurricane Mitch.

Local 86 delegate Gedling said that he challenges every local to match or exceed Local 86's contribution of $200 to the World Kids Fund in an effort to support the Hurricane Mitch relief efforts. He said that delegates should also challenge their board of governors to contribute to the fund.

98/11:099 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 54/Local 86

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:099 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in the relief campaign for victims of Hurricane Mitch;

Be it further resolved that a donation of $5,000 be made to the relief campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the federal government demanding that Canada call upon the International Monetary Fund to eliminate all outstanding debts owed by those countries devastated by Hurricane Mitch."

Local 54 delegate Dorter said that the amount should be raised because the budget has a surplus.

Local 92 delegate Adomo said that the amount is reasonable. He said that the local raised over $2,000 in a three day fund raising drive.

Local 23 delegate Tanya Aguila said that much of the wealth in Canada is due to the work of people in the South and the motion should be supported.

Local 44 delegate Chris Dobson said that the Federation is not a money bag from which donations come. He said that member locals should be participating in fund raising drives at the local level. He said that the issue is very important but membership money should not be spent in this fashion.

Local 11 delegate Penny McCall-Howard asked where the money will come from.

Hansen said that it is the decision of the plenary to reconsider and readjust the budget. He said that if the motion passes the budget would have a $4,000 deficit.

Local 75 Michel Turcotte said that the figure was established after the amount member locals could raise was considered. He said that there is some money left in the donations line item, approximately $2000 which could be used.

98/11:099 **DEFEATED**

98/11:100 **MOTION TO AMEND**

Local 1/Local 91

Be it resolved that Motion 98/11:099 be amended to read:

"Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to participate in the relief campaign for victims of Hurricane Mitch;

Be it further resolved that a donation of $3,000 be made to the relief campaign; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the federal government demanding that Canada call upon the International Monetary Fund to eliminate all outstanding debts owed by those countries devastated by Hurricane Mitch."

CARRIED

98/11:098 **CARRIED AS AMENDED**

f. Proposal to make a Donation to the All-Africa Students' Union

98/11:101 **MOTION**

Local 13/Local 9

Be it resolved that $1,000 be donated to the All-Africa Students Union.

CARRIED

g. Proposal to Make a Donation to the Maki Family National Bus Tour Campaign

98/11:102 **MOTION**

Local 79/Local13

Be it resolved that the $200 be donated to the Maki family National Bus Tour campaign.

CARRIED

h. Proposal to Support Indonesian Students

98/11:103 **MOTION**

Local 44/Local 1

Be it resolved that a message of solidarity be sent to the Indonesian workers and students organising in KOBAR and KOMRAD;

Be it further resolved that a sample letter of solidarity be sent to member locals;

Be it further resolved that member locals be encouraged to make donations to the work of KOBAR and KOMRAD;

Be it further resolved that a sample petition in support of KOBAR and KOMRAD be sent to member locals; and

Be it further resolved that a press release supporting Indonesian students and workers be issued.

CARRIED

i. Petition for a Parliamentary Committee on Globalisation and Poverty

98/11:104 **MOTION**

Local 33/Local 48

Be it resolved that a petition calling for the establishment of a Parliamentary Committee on globalisation and poverty be distributed.

CARRIED

j. Support for the Extradition of Augusto Pinochet

98/11:105 **MOTION**

Local 33/Local 23

Whereas former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet was recently arrested in Britain for crimes against humanity;

Whereas there is pressure for his release from Chilean military forces;

Whereas thousands of students were the victims of Pinochet's brutal regime;

Whereas the Chilean Federation of Students is supporting Pinochet's arrest and extradition to Spain; therefore

Be it resolved that the arrest and extradition to Spain of former Chilean dictator Pinochet be supported; and

Be it further resolved that a letter be sent to the Canadian government and to the British government supporting the arrest and extradition to Spain.

CARRIED

k. Campaign Materials for the Students of Colour Constituency Group

98/11:106 **MOTION**

Local 23/Local 79

Be it resolved that a poster campaign on issues of concern to Students of Colour be developed and distributed by September 1, 1999.

CARRIED

l. Campaign against War Criminal Léon Mugesera

98/11:107 **MOTION**

Local 9/Local 61

Whereas Léon Mugesera is accused as a war criminal;

Whereas Mugesera initiated a genocide campaign that cost the lives of one million Rwandese;

Whereas Mugesera is living a happy life in Canada;

Whereas Mugesera must face trial before the International Court of Justice in Arusha, Tanzania;

Whereas Mugesera is a threat to African and Canadian populations; therefore

Be it resolved that the call for the immediate extradition from Canada, of Léon be supported.

CARRIED

m. Campaign to Free Mumia Abu Jamal

98/11:108 **MOTION**

Local 75/Local 1

Whereas Mumia Abu Jamal is a black activist currently on death row awaiting execution in the United States; and

Whereas Mumia Abu Jamal has been denied justice at the hands of the American legal system; therefore

Be it resolved that member locals be encouraged to organize and participate in actions calling for the release of Mumia Abu Jamal; and

Be it further resolved that petitions calling for a retrial for Mumia Abu Jamal be distributed to member locals.

CARRIED

n. Condemnation of Québec City Police

98/11:109 **MOTION**

Local 79/Local 61

Whereas students and others witnessed assaults by the Québec City police against peaceful demonstrators on November 18, 1998; therefore

Be it resolved that the Mouvement pour le droit à l'éducation, CÉGEP Francois-Xavier Garneau and CÉGEP Limoilou be supported in condemning assaults by the Quebec City police against peaceful demonstrators;

Be it further resolved that the use of brutality and misinformation by Québec City police be condemned; and

Be it further resolved that a sample letter of condemnation, addressed to the Québec City police be distributed to member locals.

CARRIED

11. PRESENTATION OF REPORTS BY CAUCUSES AND CONSTITUENCY GROUPS

a. *Transgendered, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Students Constituency Group Report

Nova Scotia Representative Squires said that the group met and reviewed the campaigns which were adopted at the previous general meeting. She said that the Commissioner was unable to attend the general meeting. She said that the Sexuality campaign, including the poster "No Absolutes", was almost complete. She said that the National Executive has already investigated the costs associated with the listserver motion and it was determined that it would cost approximately $45.00 a month.

98/11:110 **MOTION**

Local 86/Local 19

Be it resolved that resourcing for constituency groups during the May 1999 general meeting be considered a high priority.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

98/11:111 **MOTION**

Local 86/Local 19

Be it resolved that a listserver for the TBLG* Constituency Group be established.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b. Francophone Students' Constituency Group Report

Francophone Representative Muhoza Hakizimana said that the Group wants member locals to encourage francophone students to become involved, to bring francophone students to the May 1999 national general meeting and to increase awareness regarding francophone student issues.

c. Student Artists' Constituency Group Report

98/11:112 **MOTION**

Local 33/Local 61

Be it resolved that a Student Artists' Constituency Group listserver be established by the May 1999 general meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

d. International Students' Constituency Group Report

Local 56 delegate Isaac Assante said that international students play a large role in enriching the culture on various campuses. He said that international students face many problems which are well known to the Federation. He said that the renewal of visas is difficult and expensive. He said that international students have difficulty accessing immigration officers. He said that tuition fees are much higher for international students and they must pay more for medical care. He said that it is difficult to find employment which is necessary to maintain a decent standard of living. He said that international students have an important role to play in the fight against corporate rule, deregulation of tuition fees and the other pertinent issues which impact post secondary education. He said that in the upcoming campaigns the concerns of international students regarding differential tuition fees and the costs of health insurance, should be highlighted. He said that November 17 is recognised as International Student Day in the policy manual but unfortunately nothing was implemented. He said that this day should be used to highlight the progress of international students. He said that the International Students' Commissioner should assist with this task. He said that he and Monica Gasparic from Local 73 will be co-commissioners for the remainder of the 1998-99 term.

Carlyle said that November 17 was a date selected by the International Union of Students and is intended to act as a day to commemorate the massacre of students in Prague on 1949. She said that it is a day for students all over the world to celebrate.

e. Women's Constituency Group Report

Nembhard announced that Margaret Bryans was elected as the Women's Commissioner for the remainder of the 1998-99 year.

f. Aboriginal Caucus Report

Local 71 delegate Green said that many concerns were raised regarding the decision of the National Executive to overturn the Aboriginal Caucus elections. She said that the Caucus and the National Executive met at the national general meeting and discussed the issue which was productive.

Local 75 delegate Sebastien said that it has been difficult to justify Federation membership to aboriginal students due to the perceived inaction on behalf of the National Executive in responding to the incident involving a member of the Federation and a Federation employee.

98/11:113 MOTION

Local 71/Local 79

Whereas the National Executive suspended the results of the May 1998 Aboriginal Caucus elections;

Whereas the Chair of the Aboriginal Caucus was not informed of this decision;

Whereas members of the National Executive were delegated the responsibility of holding an Aboriginal Caucus meeting prior to the November 1998 general meeting;

Whereas this meeting did not occur;

Whereas the hiring process of the Aboriginal Caucus Coordinator has begun without an Aboriginal Representative on the National Executive;

Whereas this omission is highly disrespectful of Aboriginal students; therefore

Be it resolved that the members of the National Executive be censured for these actions; and

Be it further resolved that the National Executive submit a report to the Aboriginal Caucus regarding these issues.

Local 73 delegate Joanne Heck said that she does not believe that the National Executive handled the situation poorly. She said that she understands the concerns raised. She said that National Executive did not handle the situation in a timely fashion. She said that there was also an illegal election and this is not being addressed. She said that censuring the National Executive without addressing the problem internally is a problem.

Local 11 delegate McCall-Howard asked for a definition of censure.

Local 75 delegate Sebastien said that it is an admission that certain decisions should not have been made.

98/11:113 CARRIED

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Local 92 delegate Adamo requested one minute of silence to commemorate the memories of the women killed in the Montreal Massacre and people throughout the world who have suffered abuse.

13. ADJOURNMENT

98/11:114 MOTION

Local 1/Local 86

Be it resolved that plenary be adjourned.

CARRIED

13:27 — the meeting adjourned.

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